

Scrapbook



Nathan L. Wilbur

ASKING QUESTIONS at a Lee Citizen's Advisory Council's public hearing at Lee Library last night is Roy Martin, president of the Lee Youth Association. The council called the meeting to obtain suggestions from residents on projects to be included in its application for a federal HUD grant.

Lee ponders ways to get HUD money

LEE — Only seven people attended the Citizen's Advisory Council's public hearing at the Lee Library last night, but their questions concerning a federal grant application to be filed by the council reflected a wide range of community interests.

The council called the hearing to solicit suggestions from townspeople as to which projects should be included in its pre-application for funding under the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Small Cities program.

Present at the hearing were Council Chairman Marilyn Sullivan, Berkshire County Grants Coordinator Philip L. Dumouchel, and landscape architect Robert I. Macintosh, coordinator of the town's downtown revitalization study.

Dumouchel said the hearing, and a second one scheduled for 3:30 p.m. today at the library, are required by the grant program to validate the pre-application, which must be submitted to HUD by Oct. 6. Dumouchel said a third public hearing will be conducted shortly before the Oct. 6 deadline to inform residents which projects will be listed in the application.

Up to \$400,000

Dumouchel said the council may apply for up to \$400,000 under the terms of a one-year, single-purpose HUD grant, or apply for up to \$2.4 million under a three-year grant embracing a variety of related programs. The point of these grants, Dumouchel said, is to benefit low- and middle-income persons by providing jobs, improving housing and "eliminating threats to public health and safety."

Among the projects being considered by the council, he said, are the selling or acquisition of real estate by the town, improvements to public facilities

such as parking areas, rehabilitation and preservation of old buildings, and the development of the town's economy.

Dumouchel said the town will have to compete with other towns in the state for the HUD grants. Mrs. Sullivan added, "We're out to get some of the tax money that comes into Berkshire County. We've got to go after it."

Ms. Roberta Russell, the newly appointed director of the Rape Crisis Center in Pittsfield, asked Dumouchel if funds could be obtained through the HUD grant for community education, through the police department and the Lee schools, on the subject of rape and its causes.

Dumouchel said the HUD grants are intended to pay for the establishment of facilities such as halfway houses, rather than support human service programs.

Fire chief inquires

Fire Chief Ottavio B. Giarold asked if the HUD grant could assist the town in renovating the central fire station on Main Street, or constructing an addition on property adjoining it.

Dumouchel said the renovation of the fire station could be paid for under the grant only if it could be demonstrated that low- and middle-income persons would be the primary recipients of the fire station's services.

Roy Martin, president of the Lee Youth Association, asked if the grant could provide his organization with financial aid in establishing a community youth center for the town. Dumouchel said Martin would have to provide information concerning what children would be served by the center, what building would be used, and how the center's activities would benefit the children of low- and middle-income families.

Lee delays special meeting until state approves tax rate

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Selectmen agreed last night to postpone the special town meeting scheduled for Aug. 28 until after the town's tax rate has been approved by the state Department of Taxation.

The board's action came at the request of the Assessors, who informed the Selectmen last week that the Department of Taxation would not act upon their assessment of the town's tax rate if additional town funds were appropriated at a town meeting.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said the Assessors did not wish to delay the mailing of tax bills to residents beyond their Nov. 1 deadline, because the town will require tax payments from residents before Dec. 1 to pay its operating expenses.

DeVarennes said Town Clerk John Nagle had already begun making arrangements for the town to take out a loan Nov. 8 to cover its expenses until tax payments from residents are received. Selectman William M. Murphy said this action by Nagle is standard procedure for the town at this time of year.

DeVarennes said, however, that a delay in the state's approval of the town's tax rate might compel the town to take out an additional loan to pay its bills. When asked when the special town meeting would be held, DeVarennes said it would be postponed "until the financial

condition of the town will not be affected by the meeting."

In another matter, Mr. and Mrs. John J. McDonald of Greylock Street appeared before the board to ask what steps could be taken to restrain a neighbor's dog that bit their 12-year-old daughter in the face Aug. 8.

Mr. McDonald proposed that the town enact an ordinance empowering the dog officer to confine, for 10 days of observation at the owner's expense, any dog that bites a person.

DeVarennes told McDonald that the dog officer "could do

absolutely nothing" about confining vicious animals unless a formal letter of complaint was filled out by the complainant and submitted to the Selectmen's office.

Mrs. McDonald told the board that her neighbor's dog had bitten 13 children over a period of eight years, and three of her own children over the last two years. She said her daughter Megan suffered bites in the cheek and throat that will require plastic surgery.

DeVarennes asked Mrs. McDonald to fill out a formal complaint on the matter. When she had finished, he said the board will send a letter to Dog Officer James J. Castronova Jr., ordering him to "pick up and destroy that dog if it is ever off a leash."

DeVarennes added that the board will instruct Castronova and acting Police Chief Edward Finnegan to encourage persons with complaints to submit them in writing to the Selectmen's office.

DeVarennes also announced that the board will seek to hold a meeting in early September with county dog officer Eleanor Soncini, Castronova and the town Board of Health to determine what regulations the town could adopt to control vicious animals.

Car cost set at 24 cents a mile

WASHINGTON (UPI) — It costs 24.6 cents per mile to drive a standard-size car, or \$25,000 if it is driven 100,000 miles in a 10-year period, the government said yesterday.

A new Transportation Department publication also found the difference in gasoline costs between a standard and subcompact model driven more than 100,000 miles can amount to as much as \$1,705, including taxes.

The publication, "Cost of Owning and Operating Automobiles and Vans, 1979," showed it costs 21.7 cents a mile for a compact; 18.5 cents for a subcompact, and 36.2 cents for a van. The booklet is an update of a 1976 report.

The figures are based on a study tracing selected vehicles and their costs through a 10-year lifetime of 100,000 miles. The figures are considered reasonable based on a study of odometer readings. Usually, a car or van passes through at least three owners during its life span.

For a standard car, the costs over 10 years break down to \$5,437, excluding tax, for 6,250 gallons of gasoline; \$4,804 for maintenance and repair; \$2,445 for insurance; \$3,298 for garaging, parking and tolls, and \$1,597 in motor vehicle taxes.

The study also found that depreciation is the greatest single cost of owning a passenger vehicle during a 10-year life span. For the "annual trader," depreciation for a standard auto will cost about \$17,600.

Completing 35th year

Librarian Robert Newman plans to retire next year

Robert G. Newman, the city's librarian for 34 years, announced yesterday that he will retire, effective June 30, 1981.

Newman concluded his report to the trustees of the Berkshire Athenaeum at their annual meeting with the announcement, saying that serving in the post has been "a rewarding experience."

After the meeting, Newman, 68, said that he "will have completed 35 years in the job next year, and I think it's time to retire."

He said he plans to relax, pursue his interests and "catch up on reading."

He expressed gratitude for the support of president of trustees Thomas Plunkett, past president Amy Bess Miller and all the trustees over the years.

An ardent admirer and keen student of Herman Melville, Newman was instrumental in establishing the Herman Melville Memorial Room at the athenaeum. In 1978, he was elected to a one-year term as president of the 500-member Melville Society, an international organization made up of enthusiasts and scholars of the 19th century author of "Moby-Dick."

Newman succeeded Lewis Mumford, distinguished literary critic and Melville biographer, as president. The presidency, the chairman of the nominating committee wrote Newman, traditionally goes to someone who has shown particular dedication to Melville study, usually by contributing to Melville scholarship by considerable scholarly writing of his own. Newman said then that his own writing on Melville has been "a few very minor articles in professional publications." But according to the chairman, "few people in recent years have shown as much dedication and have devoted as much time to making Melville more accessible, both to the public and to scholars, as you have with your extensive and



Robert Newman

fruitful work in the athenaeum."

Frequently described as quiet and unassuming, Newman was nevertheless a prime mover in the creation of the new brick athenaeum built at the corner of East Street and Wendell Avenue at a cost of \$2.5 million. At its dedication in October 1975, the building's 400-seat multi-purpose room was named for Newman.

Newman has been librarian since 1946. Previously he had worked at the athenaeum for 6½ years under previous librarian Francis G. Henshaw. He enlisted in the Army three days after Pearl Harbor in 1941 and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

Long Island native

Born in Garden City, L.I., Newman lived here most of his life. Unmarried, he makes his home at 23 Shetland Drive. His father, the late George A. Newman, a lawyer, and his mother, the late Rosetta Newman, an artist, were both well known in the community. He is the fourth generation of his family to serve as trustee of Temple Anshe

Amunim, which his great-grandfather, Joseph R. Newman, helped found, and which named him Man of the Year in 1973.

A 1929 graduate of Pittsfield High School, he received a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1934 and a master of arts degree from the Harvard graduate school of arts and sciences in 1935. He had completed all but six weeks' work for his degree of bachelor of science in library service at the Columbia University school of library science when he entered the Army. He finished off the requirements in 1946 after being named librarian here. His appointment was strongly supported by the unions here, which said they favored Newman over the other leading candidate, an out-of-town man who eventually withdrew his application after a deadlock of several weeks.

Newman has been clerk of the Honor Roll Commission, chairman of the 1949 School Survey Commission, and chairman of the City History Commission. He also served on the Bicentennial Committee and has been a director of the former Coolidge Hill School, the Rotary Club and the Automobile Club, a trustee of the City Savings Bank and the former St. Luke's Hospital and a member of the Central Pittsfield Development Panel. He has also served on the Berkshire County Historical Society advisory council and as secretary of Shaker Community Inc., which he serves as trustee.

A member of the American, New England, Western Massachusetts and Massachusetts library associations, Newman has headed the state association and the Western Massachusetts library club and has served as an official in several professional organizations.

Athenaeum trustee president Plunkett said last night that he would soon form a committee to help choose a successor for Newman.

Lee submits bid for U.S. funds

LEE - The Selectmen announced Monday that a \$19,500 grant proposal to fund a revitalization study of the downtown business district has been submitted to the federal Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA). Berkshire County Grants Coordinator Philip L. Dumouchel said the grant proposal, which was mailed last Friday, will fall under the FmHA's Section 111 Area Development Assistance Planning Grant program.

He said, "There's only \$50,000 available under the Section 111 program for the whole state, and at least a dozen other towns are applying for the same money." Dumouchel added that the chances of the grant proposal being approved are "very remote."

The town will learn the outcome of the grant application "in a few weeks," he said. According to Dumouchel, the grant proposal is the result of 18 months of meetings involving business leaders and town committees. They sought to establish priorities and objectives for the revitalization of the commercial district and the construction of low and middle-income housing in town.

Six major areas of investigation would include parking in the downtown area, downtown traffic flow, visual appearance of downtown signs, streets and buildings, use of space in existing buildings, renovation of buildings and businesses, and availability of housing.

Dumouchel said an action plan for the town would be created from these studies, with lists of objectives for improvement in each area. He added that the Lee City's Advisory Council, the town Planning Board and Housing Authority, and the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission would collaborate in the drafting of the action plan.

Dumouchel said a \$637,000 grant proposal submitted last October under the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) "Small Cities" program was rejected because the town had not met the HUD goals for low and middle-income housing specified

E. Lee school to be sold for \$13,000

LEE - The Selectmen voted Monday to accept a bid of consideration.

\$13,000, submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Roosa of Forest Street, for the purchase of the East Lee School building on Silver Street.

The board turned down a bid of \$13,200 from Peter A. Risatti of Goose Pond in Tyringham. Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said Risatti's failure to include a certified check for \$1,000 with his bid made the

would be accepted," Mrs. Roosa said. "We were very surprised."

Mrs. Roosa said she and her husband had not visited the property since they attended the defunct school 25 years ago, but assumed when they placed their bid that the building had been maintained in good condition.

Other action

In other action Monday, the Selectmen appointed Christopher J. Hodgkins of Housatonic Street and Daniel Keenan of Main Street to the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Both were recommended to the board by Committee Chairman Marilyn Sullivan.

The board also announced that all traffic on Main Street will be blocked off Aug. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in observance of the Lee Salebration Days sponsored by the town Chamber of Commerce. On Aug. 17, parking will be permitted only on the west side of the street.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said the purpose of the traffic ban was to allow access to Main Street to a shuttle bus that will transport passengers from one end of the street to the other.



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STANDING AMIDST a welter of gifts is Karina B. Kruse, proprietor of the Marskandiser florist shop on Route 20 in East Lee. The business' new gift shop opened April 6.

Lee Marskandiser adds new gift shop

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N.J. firm submits lowest bid to install anti-book theft system

Checkpoint Systems Inc. of Barrington, N.J., is the apparent low bidder on installation of detection devices for the Berkshire Athenaeum where officials hope to stem a tide of book theft that is causing a drain of between \$15,000 and \$30,000 a year.

Pittsfield's purchasing agent, Charles R. Downey, opened a series of bids Wednesday on detection devices for the Athenaeum, the city's public library.

Like many other libraries, it is beset by book losses incurred when residents take books off the shelves and walk out with them under their coats or in pockets and handbags. Losses usually aren't discovered until would-be borrowers find them missing and ask when they will be returned.

Larry C. Price, assistant librarian, said that while the Checkpoint bids appear to be the lowest submitted, there are a number of computations that must be made before that's certain.

The Athenaeum, he explained, advertised for bids on both outright purchase of the detectors and on lease-purchase agreements that would permit the library to spread its payments over a long term.

Installed BCC system

Checkpoint, which installed a detector in the Berkshire Community College library last October, appears to be the low bidder on both counts. BCC has reported a reduction in book theft of 33 percent since then.

For a pair of detectors and attendant equipment at the Athenaeum, Checkpoint's direct-purchase bid is \$19,695.

On a lease-purchase agreement that would cover a period of 60 months, Checkpoint quoted a payment of \$354 a month for that period. However, wording of the bid suggests that at the end of the 60 months, the library would have acquired only a 57-percent interest in the detectors, said Price. If that's so, an additional payment would be necessary to complete the acquisition.

"We have to study the bids to answer questions like that," he said.

The library needs two detectors for its two exits, one off the main floor on Wendell Avenue and the other on the lower level off Bartlett Avenue, said Price. In addition, one would be a double-corridor unit to permit two people to go through it at a time.

Book detectors are like metal detectors at airports. The one at BCC, which is a single-corridor unit, has an alarm. When it's activated, a gate automatically locks.

A national problem

Book theft has become a problem in libraries across the country, and the detectors are being installed in an effort to eliminate, or at least reduce it. "Experience indicates the detectors are about 85 percent effective," said Price.

If they prove that effective

here, they should pay for themselves in a couple of years.

Because of book theft, the Athenaeum has had to take some of its volumes off the main shelves and place them off limits. They are still available for circulation, but must be requested at the checkout desk.

"A lot of times, we don't even know they're missing until someone asks for them," Price lamented. While theft here represents an apparently miniscule 1 to 2 percent of the library collection, it nevertheless amounts to a considerable loss, he suggested, because the collection numbers some 150,000 volumes.

A 2-percent loss is 3,000 books. "At a price, conservatively, of \$10 a volume, that's \$30,000," he said.

Nationally, library book theft ranges from 1 to 3 percent of collections annually, librarians say.

Among the books that seem to be in constant jeopardy here, said Price, are those dealing with astrology and those on automobile and home repair.

When the Athenaeum board reaches a decision on the detector bids, it will take into account

the ancillary equipment, chiefly the metal detector tags that must be placed in all books to activate the detector alarms, said Price. The bid advertisements specified inclusion of 100,000 of the tags, or strips.

Besides Checkpoint, three other companies submitted bids.

On outright purchase, the others, in ascending order, were 3M Co. of St. Paul, Minn. \$26,656; Gaylord/Magnavox Syracuse, N.Y., \$26,907; and Knogo Corp. of Hicksville, N.Y. \$28,200.

On the 60-month, lease-purchase arrangement, the bids were: 3M, \$362 a month; Gaylord/Magnavox, \$450 a month; and Knogo, \$546 a month. The 3M bid, like Checkpoint's, appears to have conditions attached, said Price. One is that there be a 10-percent down payment. Another is that the bid doesn't include detecting equipment, software, installation and freight.

Library officials will not only have to compare bid conditions but compute some other costs, like the price of detector tags, which could change the final sum, Price said.

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LEE — A gift shop specializing in handmade dolls, baskets, brooms and Scandinavian straw horses has been added by proprietor Karina L. Kruse to the Marskandiser florist shop on Route 20 in East Lee.

Mrs. Kruse said the 36-by-20-foot addition to her florist shop was originally intended to serve as a greenhouse for raising flow-

ers and plants, but was converted into a gift shop to sell "pretty things along with our flowers."

"Besides," she added, "there aren't any more gift shops in Lee, now that Ka-D-Lyn (a shop located formerly in the East Park Street mall) moved away." Mrs. Kruse's shop opened for business April 6.

In addition to the dolls, which are handmade locally and sell for \$30 each, Mrs. Kruse carries pillows, brass items, candles, woven baskets and ceramics. Prices of these items range from 75 cents for a small basket to \$10.50 for a straw horse.

Has helped business

Mrs. Kruse said the addition of the gift shop has helped her business. "There are people who you would think would never buy knickknacks," she said, "who find something small to their taste here."

She also ascribed the shop's success to its 6 p.m. closing time Monday through Saturday. "People are relieved that they have time to come over here after work and pick up things," she said.

The shop's business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays. The shop remains open Friday evenings until 8 p.m.

M. Jane Whalen, one of Mrs. Kruse's employees, aptly describes the new gift shop. "It's a nice little place where people can always find a little gift."

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Lee to enforce crosswalk law

LEE — The Selectmen Wednesday said they would ask Lee police to crack down on motorists who fail to yield to pedestrians at marked crosswalks on Main Street.

The move was sparked by a complaint from William R. Navin of 163 High St., a self-appointed spokesman for Main Street pedestrians.

The Lee Department of Public Works earlier this year applied new paint and markings to at least six Main Street cross-

walks. Signs were erected at either end of town warning motorists to yield to pedestrians at the crosswalks.

Navin said that motorists generally fail to obey the crosswalk law, except at the crosswalk in front of the Town Hall when a patrolman is on duty.

Need rosary beads

Navin, who once remarked that a pedestrian needed "rosary beads and a seeing eye dog" to safely travel across the

street, told the Selectmen Wednesday "you still can't cross Main Street."

"I want the crosswalk law enforced here like it is in Great Barrington," he continued. "Just as soon as you start sending a few of them to court, they'll start obeying the crosswalk law."

"His point isn't farfetched," said Selectman John E. DeVarennes. "If the cops ticketed a few cars, after about the fifth one, the townspeople would get the idea the crosswalk law isn't a lot of baloney."

DeVarennes said the law required a motorist to come to a complete stop for any pedestrian attempting to use a crosswalk to cross the street.

After a brief discussion, Selectmen Chairman Lena D. Bettega said she would ask acting Lee Police Chief Edward J. Finnegan to have his men start an aggressive ticketing campaign for motorists who disregard the crosswalk regulation.

rel Hill area made higher, he said.

Other design aspects being considered are establishment of a climbing lane for trucks starting about halfway up Laurel Hill to the state police barracks, and the rounding off of various street intersections off Laurel Hill to improve visibility.

The design aspects being considered, Taginski and Sammet said, are intended to improve the safety of the road and help reduce gas consumption. From 1975 to 1979, there were 72 accidents along that 2.5-mile section of the road, Taginski said.

Residents fear 'speedway'

But most of the people speaking at the meeting questioned the need for the project and said they feared the proposed improvements would only convert the road into a "speedway."

William B. Navin, a member of the Lee Planning Board, said he knew "not one person in favor" of the project and said the widening of the road along Laurel Hill would require residents there to "get turntables to get the cars out."

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Lee residents leery about Route 20 project

By Richard T. Delmasto

LENOX — Concern and opposition were voiced by residents of the Laurel Hill area in Lee last night at a state Department of Public Works meeting on a proposed improvement project for a 2.5-mile section of Route 20 through Lee and Lenox.

The meeting, chaired by Elsworth Sammet, district highway engineer, and Edwin S. Taginski, district project engineer, was held at the request of the Berkshire County Transpor-

tation Advisory Group to gather public comments on the design aspect of the project.

The proposal involves widening and straightening sections of Route 20 from the Center Street bridge in Lee to the Route 7 intersection in Lenox. Although that section of Route 20 has been the target of proposed improvements for several years, the current proposal is still in the early planning stages, Sammet said.

Nearly all of the approximately 50 persons who attended

the meeting at the DPW's administration building in Lenox were Lee residents concerned about the effect of the project, particularly in the proximity of the Laurel Hill area.

Paved shoulders

Although the actual design of the project has not been determined yet, Taginski said the DPW is considering adding paved shoulders to the road that would be from 8 to 12 feet wide on each side at the northern section near the Cranwell property.

The width of the shoulders would be gradually reduced south of that point, Taginski said.

In the thickly settled area from the Lee state police barracks to the Center Street bridge, the width of the new shoulders probably would be from 2 to 4 feet, Taginski said, to minimize the amount of land that would have to be taken. Existing retaining walls in the Laurel Hill area possibly could be

Charlotte Davis, a Lee town meeting representative from the Laurel Hill area, told DPW representatives that the project also would cause the devaluation of land in the area.

Other residents said the number of accidents in the area was due to drinking and speeding.

Sammet said he hoped some compromise could be reached that would reflect the concerns expressed last night when the project's design is being planned. He said construction probably would not begin until 1984 or 1985.

Lee Selectmen get reports on parking, walk requests

LEE — Three members of the Traffic Commission discussed complaints, crosswalks, signs and appointments with the Selectmen Monday night.

Commissioners Edward D. Forfa, Robert W. Lester and Chairman W. Russell Seff told the Selectmen that nine residents living on Tabor Avenue had complained to them of the danger to their children presented by cars speeding on the road.

Seff suggested that warning signs be installed there and police patrols be increased to discourage speeders.

Crosswalks were proposed by Seff on Center Street from the east corner of High Street, and across West Park Street just east of the railroad tracks. He said these crosswalks should be painted in the same manner as those on Main Street.

Seff requested that Town Counsel Jerome J. Scully check the legal requirements involved in the placement of crosswalks

and the enforcement of pedestrian crossing laws. He also asked that the Selectmen provide the commission with a list of the town's "designated crosswalks."

As to signs, Seff suggested that one-hour parking signs be put up on Main Street between Ferncliff Avenue and School Street to enforce the parking limit in that block. He called for signs to guard all of the crosswalks, and asked about the status of an application for a yield or stop sign on East Center Street near Columbia Street. The application had been sent to Road Superintendent Peter Scoloro.

Finally, Seff proposed that the Selectmen appoint acting Police Chief Edward J. Finnegan to the commission to replace the retired Chief John Boyne. Seff said that in light of the police department's familiarity with the town's traffic problems, a member of that department would be an ideal appointee for the post.

Selectman John E. DeVarennes thanked Seff and his colleagues for their suggestions, and instructed secretary Pauline E. Pollard to send letters to Finnegan, Scoloro, and Scully asking them to respond to the commission's proposals.



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Richard E. Sauer

Dentist opens practice in Lee

LEE — Richard E. Sauer of Rome, N.Y., has opened a general dental practice at 31 Park Plaza.

Sauer, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., received his doctorate in dental surgery in 1953 from the University of Buffalo. He taught courses in children's dentistry at the university for 10 years while maintaining a private practice in Buffalo, before moving to Rome.

Sauer said he is taking over the Lee practice of George Sachey, who died last September. He also said he plans to settle in town as soon as he can find a suitable house for himself. He is now living at the Morgan House on Main Street.

Asked what led him to settle here, Sauer said, "I enjoy music and graphic arts tremendously, and there is plenty of that here. I'm also a ski enthusiast and a sailing nut."

Methodist church is sold in Lee

LEE — Auctioneer Louis E. Caropreso of Park Street announced yesterday that he bought the Methodist Church and parsonage on High Street last Thursday.

His action made last night's conference between the Selectmen and the School Committee academic before it started. The School Committee came before the Selectmen to discuss the wording of an article drafted by Town Counsel Jerome Scully, which proposed that the town buy the one-acre lot and two buildings for \$60,000.

Last Tuesday, the school board voted unanimously to take steps with the town to buy the property, which adjoins Lee Central School, with the intention of constructing a playground on the site.

Committee member Henry Greiner told the Selectmen that church officials would vote July 2 on whether to sell the property to the town or to Caropreso.

Reached at his home, Caropreso confirmed that he had given the church a down payment on the property last Thursday, thus forestalling any further efforts by the School Committee or the town to obtain it.

Caropreso said he planned to live with his family in the parsonage, and use the church building to conduct evening auctions of antiques. The church, he said, "is perfect for a high-quality auction gallery. It'll be beautiful like Toole's (Realty Agency) building on Main Street."

Church officials decided to sell him the property, Caropreso said, when he assured them that he would not tear down the church building. "My wife is heavily into the preservation of old buildings," Caropreso said. "We plan to restore the building to where it was in 1880."

Caropreso said he would construct a parking lot in the rear

of the parsonage and the church building to serve his auction clientele. "My auctions will be held in the evening," he said. "The school people desperately need parking, so I plan to tell the School Committee that they can use the parking lot during the day."

Another possibility, he said, is that church officials will rent the church from him "for a nominal fee" to hold services for its 20 parishioners.

Caropreso said his attorney, Charles F. Sawyer of Pittsfield, will begin meeting with town boards next week to discuss what variances in zoning regulations will be necessary to allow auctions to be conducted in the church. The side of High Street upon which the church is located, he noted, is zoned as a residential area, while the other side of the street is commercially zoned.

"I'm not looking to rezone the street," Caropreso said. "I want a special permit if I can get it."

Caropreso would not divulge the exact purchase price of the property, but indicated it "was in the vicinity" of \$60,000. He added that under the terms of his purchase agreement with the church, he is obliged to buy the property even "if I can't get a permit to do what I want to do."

Caropreso, who moved to Lee from Lenox a year ago, said he had "a following of prominent buyers of fine antiques" who would attend his auctions. "It'll be great for the town," he said. "It'll make me feel good to bring my business into Lee."

Williamstown

The Berkshire Eagle is coming to Williamstown in earnest. Would you like early morning home-delivery? Would you like to deliver The Eagle mornings? (You must be at least 12.) Call Claire at 664-6071 — Adv.

Carl E. Mesnig named Lee Methodist pastor

LEE — Bishop Edward G. Carroll of the Southern New England Conference of the United Methodist Church has appointed the Rev. Carl E. Mesnig pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Lee.

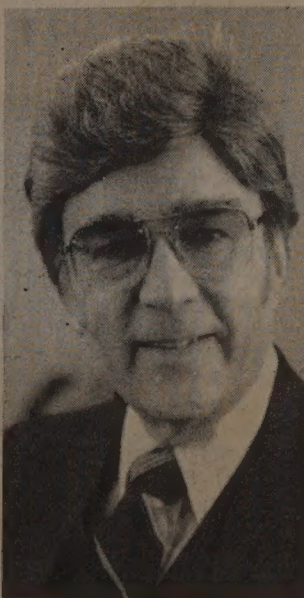
Mr. Mesnig will assume his

new assignment July 1. There will be no services held in Lee during July and August, although Mr. Mesnig will be available to perform other pastoral duties.

For the past two years, Mr. Mesnig has served as an assistant pastor in the Housatonic Valley Cooperative Parish of the United Methodist Church, which has congregations in Alford, Housatonic, Great Barrington and Lee.

A graduate of Pittsfield High School, Mr. Mesnig attended Berkshire Business College, Berkshire Community College and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

He joined the First Agricultural Bank in 1956 as a trainee in the bank's trust department. He was promoted to trust operations officer and, in 1966, was named manager of data processing. In 1971, he became project officer with responsibility for overseeing the construction of the bank's headquarters building at 99 West St. He was appointed to his current post of building and purchasing officer



Rev. Carl E. Mesnig

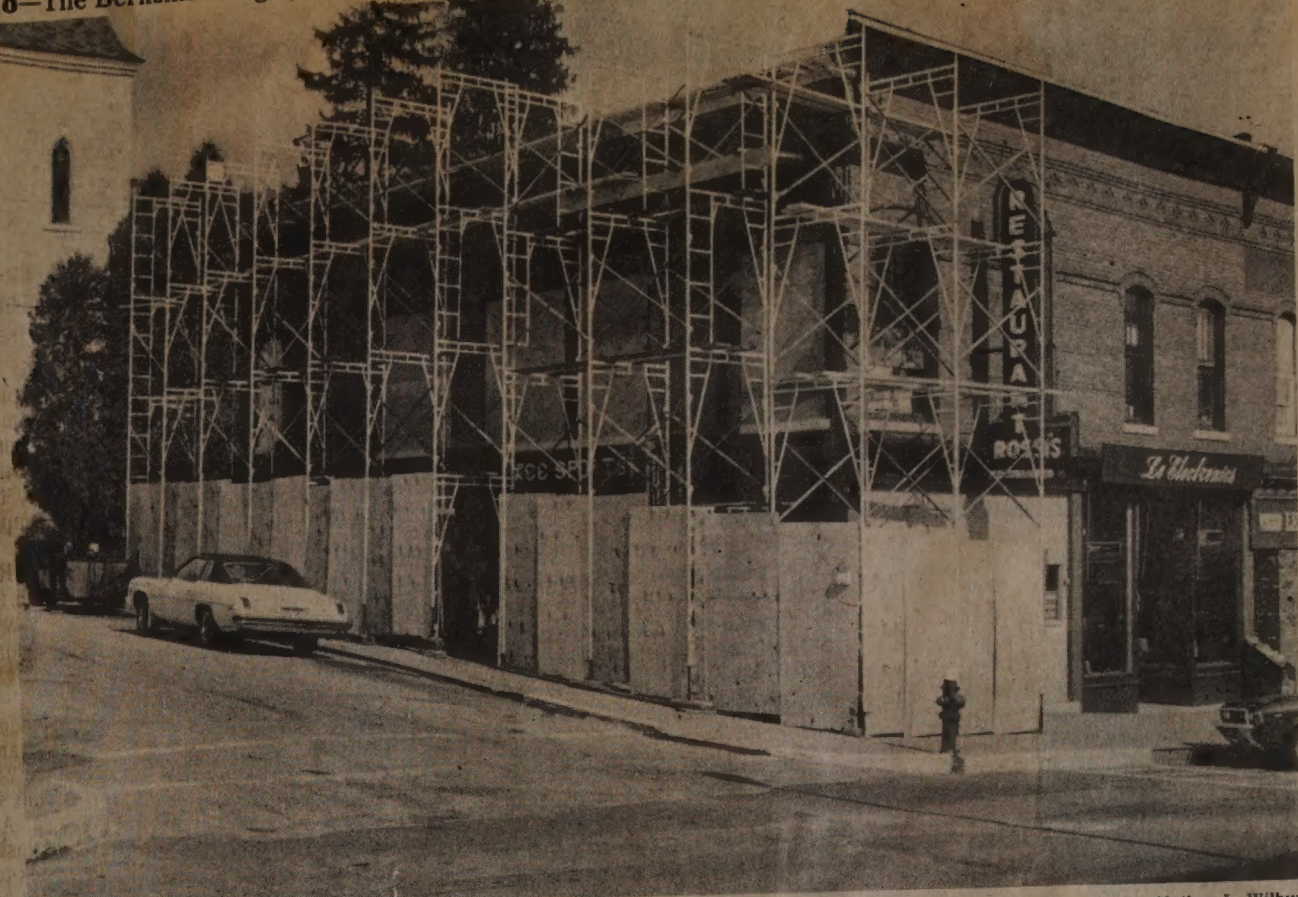
in 1972. Mr. Mesnig has been active in community affairs for a number of years and has participated in United Way campaigns and in Cancer Fund drives. He is also an active Mason. He and his wife, Patricia, reside at 18 Cooper Parkway in Pittsfield.

Lee Grange marks national observance

LEE — Grange 88 announced yesterday that a display of information concerning its activities will be presented at the Lee Library through April 26 in observance of the organization's nationwide Grange Week.

Grange members will be available to answer questions about the organization and its programs during the library's regular operating hours.

The Grange announced that it is collecting hearing aid batteries for recycling. Batteries may be dropped off at the organization's display table at the library.



Nathan L. Wilbur

A MAZE of scaffolding encloses the Franklin Street side of the Baird Block on Lee's main street. Plywood panels fixed to the scaffolding shield passers-by from

falling bricks, while other panels protect the windows of Franklin Street shops.

Lee's Baird Block gets a new look

LEE — A latticework of scaffolding has been erected along the Franklin Street side of the Baird Block on Main Street to protect pedestrians from falling bricks while repairs to the building's roof are being carried out.

Helen A. and Edward A. Rossi, owners of the section of the block housing Rossi's Restaurant and Le Electronics, said leaks in the building's roof were

damaging the interior renovations to the restaurant by Sinopoli Construction Co. of Lanesboro. The restaurant was originally closed in December after steam and water from a burst pipe damaged its interior.

Edward Rossi said the brick and mortar composing the cornice of the building facing Franklin Street were crumbling, endangering pedestrians passing

underneath. The cornice will be torn down to the roof line and the building's walls will be rebuilt where necessary, Rossi added.

In addition to repairs to the roof, Rossi said, new masonry will be applied to the foyer and outer facade of Rossi's Restaurant. The brickwork will be extended to include the street-level facade of Le Electronics, thus

unifying the exterior decor of the adjoining businesses. Helen Rossi estimated the total cost of the repairs and renovations at \$50,000.

Edward Rossi said he hoped to reopen Rossi's Restaurant "in a few weeks." The paneling of the dining room has been completed, and Norman Rockwell prints will be hung on the walls in the next few days, he added.

Lee teacher blasts officials, says he wouldn't teach courses

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Earl M. Maby of Silver Street, who retired June 30 after 33 years of teaching at Lee High School, said yesterday he resigned his teaching position after the school administration scheduled him to teach courses for which he was not qualified.

Maby said that on May 12 he was assigned to teach, during the 1980-81 academic year, two courses in general health, two courses of general biology, and one course of introductory physical science, despite having taught mathematics for 29 years and physics for 30 years.

"I had only one general biology course in my life, and nothing at all in health, but I had 80 credits in physics and math," Maby said. "So I decided that there was no way that I'd teach those courses. It's not fair to the kids. To ignore 30 years of teaching physics is absurd, no matter what excuses they (the administration) give."

Maby, 57, said he joined the

Lee High School staff in 1947, before the state enacted a law requiring that all teachers be certified. "Because I was a teacher before the law was passed," he said, "the administration contends that I'm certified to teach anything."

"Under the law," he continued, "I am certified to teach the courses they assigned me, but I'm not qualified. They are abusing the certification law to the hilt."

Maby said he filed a formal grievance May 16 with the school administration. "I talked to the principal (Robert J. Lucy), the vice principal (Henry T. Zukowski) and the superintendent (Maurice J. Boulanger). I assumed they were in charge, but it turned out they weren't."

Maby charged that curriculum director Michael B. Ronan made all of the assignments, and the administration would do anything he said. "I got no satisfaction from them at all," he said.

Maby also met with two members of the Lee School Committee, Joseph C. Savery and Henry Greiner. Maby said Greiner and Savery offered to replace one of the courses assigned to him with a physics course.



Editor's mailbox

Got a 'kick' out of photo

Editor, The Daily Star:

No doubt like others of your readers, I was much interested in your June 16 issue's fine photo of a Model T. Ford, apparently still in running order. It was a great boon throughout the nation that some historians call a revolution of our early twentieth century. Henry is reported to have said that customers could have it in any color, so long as it was black.

In your photograph I hope that Mr. McKenzie's stance was arranged for photogenic, not operative, reasons. The crank revolved clockwise, and anyone who took the handle as Mr. McKenzie was doing and attempted to revolve it it down and around ("winding it up", we called it) risked the rude danger of a "kick" backward and a broken arm. Such was a common cause of trips to doctor's offices in the 1920s. One young operator I knew experienced it twice.

Before the era of self-starters, one safe way of cranking was to place the handle at 9 o'clock — not 3 o'clock as in the picture — and then pull upward with fingers only, not the whole hand. The engine still might "kick" but then the handle would simply come loose from the fingers and the operator, arm intact, could try again.

Leon D. Nettleton
Oneonta

Save our switchboard

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I must express dismay at the proposed elimination of the switchboard in the Lee Town Hall. This has been an important and satisfying service to the people of the town. It has the especial benefit of quick identification in an emergency. For instance, if I call to ask help for a fire, no impersonal electronic system is going to know that I live across from the house where Mike Kelly used to live; but no matter how panicked I may be, I can depend on the comprehension of our switchboard operator.

That old political flag "save taxes" has been waved again. The figures quoted as being a saving are padded by the prophet-of-doom ploy of using the figures of possible expense in the future and giving the impression that these total "costs" would be assumed at once.

I am sure many Lee people feel that the proposed change is ill-conceived.

MARGARET M. KEATING
91 High St.
Lee

omitted that I once owned a 1912 model

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Dorothy W. Chapman

DESCRIBING problems caused by unauthorized campers on Upper Goose Pond in Tyringham are, left to right, Tyringham Selectman W. Merritt McBrian, a member of the Goose Pond Voters Association, county engineer John P. Hamming, William A. Heaphy, and another association member, George A. Brooks.

Campers who come by boat are problem at Upper Goose

By Dorothy W. Chapman

Unauthorized campers have created a "terrible mess" at Upper Goose Pond in Tyringham and the Selectmen and members of the Goose Pond Voters Association told the Berkshire County Commissioners yesterday that they want signs posted to help control the problem.

Selectman W. Merritt McBrian told the Commissioners that the illegal campers park their cars blocking cottage owners from the access road and are dumping garbage into the lake. The campers come to the lake in cars but use boats to reach Upper Goose, which is not accessible by automobile.

As a result of the complaints the Selectmen plan a meeting at 11 a.m. Friday at the pond with county engineer, William A. Heaphy, representatives of the state Division of Forest and Parks and state police to review the situation and to see what measures can be taken.

George A. Brooks and John P. Hamming, members of the Goose Pond Association, said the situation would be helped if the Selectmen were allowed to erect signs prohibiting overnight

parking. McBrian said there were at least 17 campers at Upper Goose over the Memorial Day weekend.

A fire, which smoldered for four days, burned several acres in the area because fire trucks were unable to reach the blaze. "They (the illegal campers) take their garbage, dump it into bags and weigh them down with stones and throw them in the lake," McBrian said.

Brooks told the Commissioners that the area is patrolled by the state police but without no parking signs, "their hands are tied."

He said letters were sent by the association yesterday to private landowners asking that they erect signs prohibiting overnight parking to discourage campers.

Commission chairman John

Barrett III suggested the meeting with Heaphy and said the Commissioners would back the Selectmen by authorizing the posting of "no parking" signs on county land. "Unfortunately there are a lot of slob campers that could care less what happens to the lake," Barrett said.

Commissioner John W. Bartels concurred and recalled catching what he called "a record," in Upper Goose Pond many years ago.



Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE store has announced it's "opening soon" for more than four years.

Levine says he'll close out Lee's 'opening soon' store

LEE — Martin Levine, proprietor of what for lack of a better name has been called the "opening soon" store on Main Street, said yesterday that poor health will force him to liquidate the business some time this fall or winter.

Reached at his home in West Stockbridge, Levine said he had suffered a heart attack and had been in failing health since he closed his former White Shield discount drugstore in Pittsfield four years ago and moved the business into its current quarters on Main Street.

Despite the promise of the signs in its windows, Levine's store has never opened its doors. "My health didn't permit me to continue the thing," he said. "I've been unable to take on the task of setting it up. I should have closed it out in Pittsfield."

Levine said he had regularly paid the rent on his part of the building, which also houses Gatsby's, a clothing store. His statement was corroborated by attorney Maurice Lerner, one of the building's owners.

Levine's announcement was received with a mixture of skepticism and relief by merchants whose businesses are situated near the dormant store.

W. Mark Wheeler, proprietor of the Lee Pharmacy next door to Gatsby's, said, "We've been hearing the same story for four to five years. I really hope he does liquidate, just to get the eyesore off the street."

Wheeler said merchants on the east side of Main Street had been frustrated by the store's inactivity at a time when they were making efforts to revitalize business in the downtown area.

When asked what he would prefer to have in its place,

Wheeler said he would like "to see something more productive, a good, solid, open shop."

Mrs. Ruth Slaminsky, who with her husband runs Ben's, a clothing store adjoining Levine's shop to the north, echoed Wheeler's sentiments. "It's been the eyesore of Main Street," she said.

Mrs. Slaminsky recalled the lively trade done by Howe's, a jewelry, card and gift shop which formerly occupied the store rented by Levine.

"It was always busy, nice-looking, and it catered to the needs of the town," she said. "I wish that we had the same kind of store there."



Nathan L. Wilbur

Earl M. Maby

"I decided there was no way for me to teach the rest of the schedule," he said. "To be here 33 years and be treated like that is a kick in the teeth, an insult to my integrity and character."

Reached at his home, Zukowski said, "He (Maby) had six credit hours in general biology. We felt he was qualified to teach the courses."

"The scheduling is done in the best interest of the students,"

Zukowski continued. "I don't see how Mike Ronan was involved. He has an advisory input to me to the schedule, but it's up to me to make the final decision on the schedule."

Zukowski said he was surprised by Maby's sentiments. "I've known him a long time,"

Zukowski said, "and he was thinking of retiring for the past two years."

When asked what his plans are for the future, Maby said, "I'm glad to be on my retirement. I've had enough of public school teaching to last me forever."



Nathan L. Wilbur

Leaving in style

Lynn M. Masiero, married yesterday to Joseph M. Toole at St. Mary's Church in Lee, is about to enter a 1924 Ford Model T touring car in which the couple was driven to their wedding reception at the Itam Lodge in

Pittsfield. Milton C. North of East Street, Lee, owner of the car, was the driver. Mr. Toole, a realtor, is Lee town moderator. Mrs. Toole is a registered nurse.

Boulanger reveals plans to retire

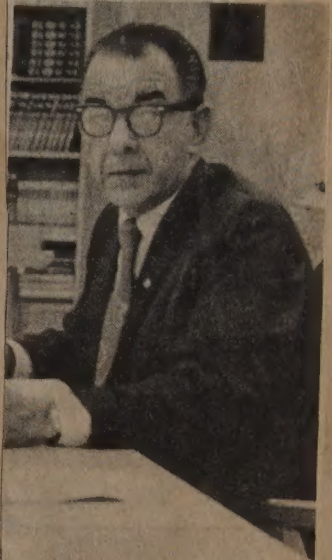
LEE — School Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger has announced that he will retire from his post after the 1980-81 academic year.

Boulanger read a letter expressing his intention to retire at the annual meeting of the Lee-Otis-Tyringham superintendency union held April 10 at Lee High School.

Boulanger has served as superintendent of the three school systems for the last 12 years. Following last night's meeting of the Lee School Committee, he said he wished to remain in his post through the next academic year to give the committee's search committee time to find a successor "without rushing into it."

Boulanger said although he has enjoyed his duties as superintendent, "it's a 60-hour job" that leaves him little time for other pursuits. "I'll be 65 in November," he said, "and I want to do other things while I have the time."

"It's time for a younger man in any case," he added.



Maurice J. Boulanger
Lee school superintendent

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MOTORIZED BICYCLE cruises along at 25 to 30 mph, according to Frank Bastow of Lee, who is shown in Lenox on his way home. Bastow, who installed the motor himself, is possibly the only bike rider around the area having the device.

The pastoral pastor

The Bible abounds in parables about laboring in vineyards and being a conscientious shepherd. Pastor and pastoral, from the same root, have overlapping meanings. And at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, the new priest-in-charge combines both of them as a part-time clergyman and full-time blueberry farmer.

On weekends the Rev. Robert T. Jenks ministers to his parishioners. The rest of the week he nurtures the blueberries he grows commercially in Blandford.

Mr. Jenks embarked on his bucolic existence six years ago after more than 20 years of shepherding inner-city flocks.

In the 1950s, he spent six years in Chicago, where he was known as the drug addicts' priest for his work in founding the first community-based clinic for the treatment of drug addiction in the country. The age level of addicts was higher then, he recalls, about 24 or 25, and the clinic was frequented by jazz greats such as Stan Getz and members of their milieu, like Billie Holiday's maid. The parish also sponsored jazz music workshops to teach shortcuts to young aspirants. "We were trying to achieve the big band sound again," he said.

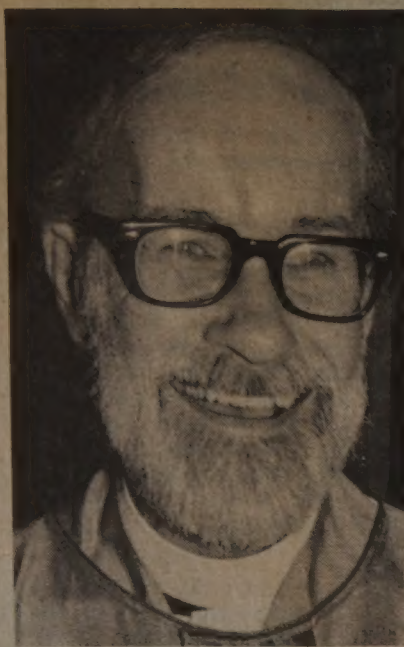
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In Indianapolis, where he spent the next six years, Mr. Jenks directed Episcopal Community Services, a family service agency, which operated a mental health first-aid clinic, two halfway houses for alcoholics and a neighborhood settlement house for dislocated people from the southern Appalachians.

Subsequently, he spent 12 years as rector of St. Peter's Church, Chelsea Square, in New York City. The draft resistance movement of the 1960s had some of its earliest stirrings in that church, and in the midst of the Vietnam ferment, Mr. Jenks was one of the architects of the 1967 march on the Pentagon. "It seemed appropriate then," he said, "being involved in the concerns of a young congregation."

"I'm not sure how conservative Yankees would look on that," adds Mr. Jenks, who went through pilot training in the Air Force during World War II.

The church, located amid a thriving artists' community, lent its own support to the arts by sponsoring an off-off-Broadway theater and the annual Chelsea Arts Festival. Its proximity to General Theological Seminary ensured



Mark Mitchell

Mr. Jenks: He grows blueberries

that it served as a training ground for seminarians.

After more than 20 years of city life, Mr. Jenks and his wife, Marie, were ready for a change of scene, and their increasingly intensive organic gardening in their large Manhattan backyard led them toward agricultural endeavors. They found one in Blandford, where they settled in an 18th-century farmhouse on 218 acres, 26 planted in high-bush blueberries. "It was the first place we saw," he recalls. Mr. Jenks says the appeal of blueberries is largely financial, because in a good year berries will yield about three times the return per acre as will vegetables.

During the season, lasting until about Oct. 1, he hires 40 or 50 local youngsters to pick the berries to truck to the Boston area. The rest of the year he spends in more or less constant pruning.

The Jenkses' four children, ranging in age from 17 to 26, are in college or graduate school, and so they come and go during the year. But all, including Mrs. Jenks, help out at harvest time. In addition to full-time farm work, his wife, a former professional singer, works part time at the Westfield Atheneum. Until last year, Mr. Jenks drove the farm's 2½-ton truck himself, leaving about 9:30

p.m. and arriving at the New England Produce Center in Chelsea about midnight. In addition, the Jenkses let customers pick their own blueberries.

Mr. Jenks, 53, a native of Fond du Lac, Wis., graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a B.A. in philosophy in 1950 and from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., in 1953.

Since moving to Massachusetts, Mr. Jenks has assisted frequently in the Central Berkshire Area Ministry, which includes St. Stephen's and Lanesboro's St. Luke's Episcopal Churches, and, until recently, St. Martin's. The reasons for St. Martin's severing its connection with that ministry were largely financial, Mr. Jenks speculated. Church members have said that St. Martin's has long sought more of the services of a clergyman than the area ministry was able to provide. St. Martin's has the status of a diocesan mission, and Mr. Jenks's post of priest in charge is considered an interim appointment. Mr. Jenks has also assisted at the Church of the Atonement, Westfield, and says that Bishop Alexander D. Stewart of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts put him to work as visitor of ill and shut-in parishioners in several parishes without rectors.

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The Rev. Andrew F. Wissemann, rector of St. Stephen's, spoke of Mr. Jenks's courage in embarking on a new venture in a totally different setting in mid-life. "That takes a certain amount of guts, and I think that's rather typical of him," said Mr. Wissemann.

Although he laid aside his palette for several years, Mr. Jenks hopes to resume the abstract expressionist painting he began while he lived in New York. He has written extensively for church publications, served as guest lecturer at several seminaries, and studies theology, particularly aspects relating to pastoral ministry.

Not himself a musician, he provides an appreciative audience to his musical family, which includes a son who is a professional singer and plays trumpet, another son who plays guitar and banjo, and a recorder-playing daughter. At present, his principal diversion is cooking French, Chinese and Mexican dishes. "I'm a real cooking freak," he says. Naturally, he grows many of his own ingredients.

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Nathan L. Wilbur

CLOSING of Morgan House restaurant on Main Street in Lee was announced yesterday after its operators indicated their intention to file for bankruptcy.

Lee's Morgan House closes; operators claim bankruptcy



Nathan L. Wilbur

ANTIQUE CHAIR is held aloft by an employee, while auctioneer Louis E. Caropreso calls out bids at his first auction in the former Methodist Church last Saturday night.

Lee auction grosses \$30,000

LEE — Many people came as spectators to Louis E. Caropreso's first auction in the former Methodist Church on High Street last Saturday night, but enough people brought their wallets to provide a reported gross income of \$30,000.

Caropreso estimated that at least 350 people crowded into his new auction gallery, filling the curved church pews and standing three deep at the exits and along the rear wall.

Many of the people, Caropreso said, were "lookers." The majority, however, were buyers, judging from the New York license plates scattered among the more than 200 automobiles which jammed his parking lot and that of the adjacent Central School.

When the bidding began at 6 p.m. that night, the buyers made their presence felt. Caropreso described the auction as typical, in that some items brought unusually high prices, and others were comparatively undersold. When asked to estimate the auction's total take, Caropreso admitted that it had been very successful, bringing in about \$30,000.

"There are still some problems," Caropreso said. "The podium is too big for me, I like to get down on the stage with the people. And the lighting is too strong on one side of the stage."

Still, when one looks at the numbers, Caropreso's opening night outdid that of many a Broadway show.

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Dufour Brothers establishes full-service travel agency

Dufour Brothers Inc. announced today it has established a full-service travel agency.

William D. Dufour, owner of the local bus company, said the new Dufour Travel Centre will be selling domestic and foreign airline tickets, fly-drive tours, chartered air tours and cruises to the public.

Elaine G. Guachione of Lenox, a former United Airlines stewardess who was associated with the All 4 Seasons Travel Agency in Lenox, has been named manager of the Dufour Travel Centre and begins her duties there today.

Mrs. Guachione resigned in March as office manager of the Lenox company. Dufour said she will concentrate on group sales and retail travel sales, reporting to James C. Freeman, general manager of Dufour Escorted Tours.

The new agency shares office space with Dufour Escorted Tours, located in the Berkshire Common, but Dufour said, "We may be looking for larger quarters next year."



Elaine G. Guachione

consultant, Jack Deere of Daytona Beach, Fla. Deere "did the groundwork" and arranged through the Air Traffic Conference to make the new company an authorized agent for all foreign and domestic airlines.

"Since travel agencies earn commissions off advertised retail prices from the airlines, steamships, hotels and car rental companies, the public pays nothing for the service," Dufour said.

Dufour said his company will work for the best prices for customers and said he believes that Dufour through its bus tour background has an advantage as a travel agency because "there are very few places in North America that we haven't been to at some time."

In addition, Mrs. Guachione, as a stewardess and travel agent, he said, has traveled extensively throughout the world. She is a native of Lee, a member of Women in Travel and the American Society of Travel Agents and lives in Lenox with her two teenage sons.



Richard T. Delmasto

ARTIST Leonard J. Weber of Monterey works on watercolor of Main Street, Great Barrington. Picture will be sold at a future show at his gallery on Monterey Road, Great Barrington. Church is St. James' Episcopal.

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CLASS OF 1930 at Lee High School as it looked at graduation, above, gathered Sunday at the Center at Foxhollow in Lenox for a 50th reunion, below. Those attending were, first row, from left, Charles McCarthy, treasurer; Alice Deely Pearson, vice president; Thomas Hayden, historian, and Sister Mary Anita. Second row: Davena Stanton Curtin, Edward Thomas and Pauline Charter Roberts. Third row: Ann Basinait Webster, Carolyn Canon and Frances Peron Driscoll. Top row: James Pollard and Charles E. Tucker.



Most valuable Cinderella

For an 18-year-old from South Lee, Sally Gangell has had a heck of a year.

1980 will go down in Berkshire County sports history as the Year of the Gangell, with her accomplishments including Most Valuable Player awards in three county girls' high school sports, a county high school girls' basketball career scoring record of 1,361 points, All-Berkshire and All-Western Massachusetts honors in three sports and a scholastic ranking of sixth in her senior class at Lee High.

And just for fun this summer, she has been one of the lead characters in the Cinderella script of the Pittsfield Merchants softball team, pitching the team to the Massachusetts and New England 18-and-under championships, with the next stop Sioux Falls, S.D. There, the team will shoot for the national 18-and-under title next week.

"I don't think it's really hit me yet," Gangell said of the flurry of activity that has led to South Dakota. "But it's an excellent way to top everything off this year."



Bob McDonough

Gangell: It's a good year

The litany of Gangell's high school honors over the past three years would be a proud array for any group of five people. She earned All-Berkshire and All-Western Mass. honors the last three years in softball and the last two years in both field hockey and basketball. She was captain of the softball and basketball teams the last two years, and won Berkshire County MVP awards in all three sports during the 1979-80 school year — the first three-way sweep for any county athlete, male or female.

In four years of high school, Lee teams with Gangell as a member sported an overall record of 150-52-5, an awesome .725 winning percentage for three sports. That included 24-8-5 and two Western Mass. tournament appearances in field hockey; 61-25, four Western Mass. tournaments and one Western Mass. championship in basketball, and 65-19 with four Western Mass. tournaments in softball.

"I hate to blow my own whistle, but she's really quite a girl," admitted her father, Milton Gangell. A truck driver for Kimball's Motor Dispatch in Great Barrington, Sally's father and his rig became a fixture at every Lee High field hockey, basketball and softball game over the past four years. He, too, is planning to cheer on Sally and the Merchants in South Dakota.

"By hook or by crook, I'll get there," Mr. Gangell said.

"Dad can't wait to go," Sally said with

a big grin. "He's always there rooting and I can always hear him. Mom's usually there next to him, but she doesn't have the big mouth."

You shouldn't get the idea that Sally, an attractive 5-foot-8 brunette, is one of the spoiled rich-kid athletes who has nothing better to do than play all summer. The family, including her father Milton, mother Leah, 16-year-old sister Norma, a dog and three cats, live in a comfortable Pine Street home. Both of her parents work, and Sally leaves her MVP image home when she pumps gas five days a week at Townsend's Mobil Station on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

And Tom Cinella, who coaches boys' basketball and teaches the highest level math courses at Lee High, looks at Sally in still another way.

"The thing that impressed me most about Sally was that her dedication and output in class probably exceeds that of her athletics," said Cinella, who taught Gangell in the school's highest level calculus course. "And that's hard to say. But with all the trips and night games, she never used that as an excuse in class. She was always prepared. I'll remember that about her more than the 1,000 points in basketball."

But the Sally Gangell everyone knows

is the athlete, who first dived into sports as a toddler playing tackle football with her uncle, Robert, and in pickup softball and kickball games with the older boys in the neighborhood. She tried to register for Little League as a youngster, "But they said, 'you're a girl, you can't,'" Sally recalled, somewhat bitterly. Two years later, after she had made her mark as a softball player, the Lee Babe Ruth League sought her out, but was rejected in favor of the high school softball team.

Softball pitching has brought her recent fame, after she went 16-5 on the mound for the 1979 Lee High team, 17-1 this year and 6-1 this summer for the Merchants. Not bad for somebody who was an All-Berkshire outfielder, having never pitched before 1979.

"I just grab the ball and throw it in," Gangell stated simply, trying to explain why her slow-style delivery has baffled batters and opposing coaches.

"When I took over coaching Lee two years ago, she had never pitched, and Lord knows I'm no great pitching coach," Lee softball coach Pete Waryowski said. "She just threw strikes. And she fields that pitching position as well as any athlete I've ever seen — boy or girl. She reacts quickly and throws people out while she's kneeling or sitting on the ground. I guess it's just God-given instinct. I know I'll never see another

pitcher like her again."

In two years under Waryowski, the coach said Gangell missed only one day of practice. That was to visit Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., where she will enter this fall to begin study toward a veterinary medicine degree.

"I like the animals, and I liked the sciences in school," Gangell explained of her plans to be a vet, playing with Jess, the family collie, and a white cat as she spoke in her back yard this week. "All along, it was in the back of my mind. I just want to help the animals. I see how the seals are beaten to death, and the dog pound situation around here, and I'd like to be able to help."

But her main task before going to Hartwick is to play in the national tournament in South Dakota. And to first help raise the money to get there.

"People keep saying, 'Aw, Sally won't go in and ask for money,'" Gangell said. "But I want to go to this tournament, so I go in and ask . . . A lot of people think this is some joke, that we're just a pickup team. Well, if it was a joke, I wouldn't be working this hard . . . I think we'll hitch out there if we have to."

Lee postmaster to be sworn in

LEE — William G. Matthews will be sworn into office as Lee's postmaster Thursday at 11 a.m. at the post office on Eaton Street. He will take the oath of office from Jon M. Steele, regional postmaster in Springfield.

Matthews, 49, began his postal career in 1967 as a part-time clerk at the Pittsfield post office. He rose through the ranks there and in the late 1970s served 90-day assignments as officer in charge of the Cheshire, Stockbridge and Lee post offices. In April 1980, he was appointed Lanesboro's postmaster, a position he held until last month, when he came to Lee.

Before joining the Postal Service, he was a metal worker at General Electric Co. in Pittsfield and served in the Air Force. He is a graduate of Pittsfield High School and has completed numerous courses at the Postal Service's Education Development Center in Springfield.

Matthews and his wife, the former Mary Aleo of Pittsfield, reside in Lanesboro but plan to move to Lee.

Lee VNA buys house on High Street

The Lee Visiting Nurse Association has purchased a house at 21 High St., formerly occupied by Bob's TV, for an office and clinic. The real estate closing took place at the Lee Savings Bank last Thursday.

The purchase of the \$44,000 house was made possible partially through the use of monies bequeathed to the VNA since its founding in 1912 for future needs

of the organization.

VNA President Marita Stratton thanked the Lee Selectmen a week ago for use of office space in the town building on Railroad Street, but said the staff had increased from three to 34 in five years, and the available office space was no longer adequate.

Ann Beacco, VNA director and nursing supervisor, told the Selectmen that the staff increase

was brought about by the added emphasis by federal and state agencies on shorter hospital stays and home care for the elderly rather than nursing home care, whenever feasible.

VNA board members and Mrs. Beacco also met with the Planning Board. Since the side of High Street where the house is located is already zoned for business, no problems were anticipated except for parking.

However, since that meeting, Marie Glomb, treasurer, reported that eight spaces for staff parking are being provided by the Adams Super Markets through the courtesy of owner

Howard Wineberg. The driveway and curb-parking in front of the building will allow for staff and clientele going in and out for brief periods of time.

The VNA has not yet set a date for moving. Some changes in office lighting have to be made, and possibly a ramp installed. While clinics will continue to be held at convenient locations, occasional clinics and one weekly blood pressure clinic will be held in the VNA building, once it is occupied.

The VNA has office machines, a few desks and chairs, and nursing equipment, but will need more desks and furnishings for the new headquarters. A one-time appeal for funds for furnishings is planned for this summer.

Architect is chosen for Lee downtown job

LEE — Citizen's Advisory Council Chairman Marilyn Sullivan announced to the Selectmen Monday that the council has unanimously selected landscape architect Robert Macintosh to coordinate the town's downtown revitalization study.

Macintosh, 28, holds a bachelor of science degree in environmental science from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H., and a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Massachusetts.

In response to a question from Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarenes, Mrs. Sullivan said Macintosh fit the council's ad-

vertised qualifications for the post better than any of the other candidates. "The most impressive thing about him," Mrs. Sullivan said, "is his feeling for communication with people. In a small community that's very important."

Macintosh, an Amherst resident, said he was informed of the council's decision last Wednesday. He said he would begin work on the downtown study Aug. 20, and added that he plans to settle in the Lee area as soon as possible.

Mrs. Sullivan said Macintosh will work in conjunction with Michael Leehman, a summer worker hired under the CETA program by Building Inspector Edward Briggs, who will carry out preliminary measurements of buildings in the downtown business district.

Macintosh, she said, will draw up an urban development action plan for the town following a study of parking, traffic flow, visual appearance, renovation and use of space in buildings in the downtown area. He will occupy an office donated by McClelland's drugstore on Main Street, she said. His appointment, with a yearly salary of \$18,000, will extend for nine months.

Factual foundation

Mrs. Sullivan said Macintosh's revitalization plan will provide the factual foundation for future applications for federal and state aid by the council. She added that the first of these applications, to be drafted by Macintosh in October, will be for a federal Housing and Urban Development small cities grant. The amount of the grant sought by the council, and its purpose, she said, are as yet undetermined.

Lee Methodists set services starting Sept. 7

LEE — The Rev. Carl E. Mesnig, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, has announced that regular Sunday services at the church on High Street will begin Sept. 7.

Mr. Mesnig said the services will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays in the former church building, which was sold in June to auctioneer Louis E. Caropreso. The church has made arrangements to lease the building from Caropreso, Mr. Mesnig said.

In accordance with a program approved by the church's administrative board and the congregation, a communion and meditation service will be held on the first Sunday of every month, he said. Regular worship and a sermon will be held on the second Sunday, New Media Bible study on the third, and a service featuring guest speakers on the fourth.

Mr. Mesnig said clergy from all of the Lee churches will participate in the Sept. 7 "Rally Sunday" service, which will celebrate "a new beginning" for the Methodists.

My young son starts to school today... It's all going to be sort of strange and new to him for awhile, and I wish you would sort of treat him gently.

You see, up to now he's been king of the roost... He's been boss of the backyard... His mother has always been near to soothe his wounds and repair his feelings.

But now things are going to be different.

This morning he's going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand, and start out on the great adventure... It is an adventure that might take him across continents, across oceans... It's an adventure that will probably include wars and tragedy and sorrow... To live his life in the world he will have to live in will require faith and love and courage.

So World, I wish you would sort of look after him... Take him by the hand and teach him things he will have to know.

But do it gently, if you can.

He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, that all men are not true.

But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero... that for every crooked politician there is a great and dedicated leader... Teach him that for every enemy there is a friend.

Steer him away from envy, if you can... and teach him the secret of quiet laughter.

In school, World, teach him it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat... Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone says they are wrong... Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with tough people.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon... Teach him to listen to all men... but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and take just the good that siphons through.

Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he's sad... Teach him there is no shame in tears... Teach him there can be glory in failure and despair in success.

Treat him gently, World, if you can. But don't coddle him... Because only the test of fire makes fine steel... Let him have the courage to be impatient... Let him have the patience to be brave.

Let him be no man's man... Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself.

Because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind.

This is quite an order, World, but see what you can do... He's such a nice little fellow, my son:

(The above was sent to us by a member of our parish and we are happy to reprint it for you).

Dear World



THE COWBOY CATALOG

BY SANDRA KAUFFMAN

By Alan Cooperman

SANDRA Kauffman was busy as a tick in a tar bucket last summer.

A self-proclaimed "New York cowgirl," she got plum wore out settin' at the typewriter in her summer place in Lee, watching the devil beat his wife with a frying pan over Greenock golf course and trying to finish a book on cowboy clothes while the western-wear fashion trend was still running like a scalded pup.

"The Cowboy Catalog," Mrs. Kauffman's finished product, was published by Clarkson Potter Inc. (192 pp., \$22.50 hardcover, \$10.95 paperback) in June, and this summer as she sits in her home on Spring Street in Lee overlooking the golf course, Mrs. Kauffman is savoring the larrupin' success of last summer's work.

Her favorite section of the book is a dictionary of cowboy phrases called "Texas Talk," but the catalog's commercial success — a first run printing of 30,000, rave reviews and quick sales — is presumably due to the growing popularity of western wear, which has even achieved the status of haute couture in designer Ralph Lauren's line of flashy cowboy boots, shirts and coats. Good night, nurse!



Alan Cooperman

The Kauffmans

The cowboy look, as Mrs. Kauffman describes it, "begins with stitched leather boots and underslung heels, then crawls up the leg to jeans or ranch pants, a silver belt buckle, a cowboy shirt with snap pockets and silver collar tips, possibly a bolo tie, definitely a bandanna, and to top it off, a wide Stetson hat with a large feather."

Mrs. Kauffman's catalog is undoubtedly the best guide available to such attire. It contains illustrations and explanations of boot and heel styles, saddles, spurs, chaps, hats, bridles and

belts. There are more photographs of \$500 custom-made boots than Carter had oats. All the accessories that a good Texan could want are listed: bandannas, bolo ties, fancy snuff boxes, engraved conchas and silver belt buckles that are shiny as a June bug.

In addition to the fashion information, the catalog contains instructions on how to care for leather and silver, how to crease a cowboy hat, how to measure your horse for a saddle, and what to serve at a cowboy barbecue for 50 people. There are feature articles on movie cowboys and real cowboys, rodeos, horse and cattle brands, cowboy ethics, cowboy cooking, and, of course, Texas talk.

The foreword is by Billy Martin, who is not only manager of the Oakland Athletics baseball team, but also a western wear enthusiast.

Altogether, the catalog is highly entertaining and unusual. You could go to three state fairs and a goat ropin' and never see anything like it!

Mrs. Kauffman, who has never been to Texas, much less to a necktie social, did most of the research for the catalog in New York City and all of the writing in Lee. She says she wrote 12 hours a day, seven days a week, last summer and took only one day off — to watch her older daughter, Alexandra, ride in a horse show.

The Kauffmans first vacationed in the Berkshires 18 years ago, and have spent all of the past three summers in Lee. Their two daughters — Alexandra, age 14, and Nicole, age 9 — are "crazy" about horses, Mrs. Kauffman says, and ride regularly at Kimball Stables in Lenox. E.O. Kimball, the owner of the stable, is pictured on page 36 of "The Cowboy Catalog," carrying an American flag on horseback.

The fascinating tidbits of cowboy lore in the catalog testify to hours of arduous research, but Mrs. Kauffman belies that impression when she describes her work. She enjoyed her lessons in cowboy language from Arthur Berwick of Longview, Texas — a cowboy turned New York actor.

She never had to travel west of the Hudson River as she spoke via telephone with every major western wear manufacturer in the country, from the late master bootmaker, Cosimo Lucchese, to Cutter Bill Inc., a Texas company that is one of the largest cowboy outfitters.

Most of all, her research was simplified by 23 years of marriage to Charles Kauffman, who runs Kauffman & Sons, a fam-

ous family business that has been retailing western clothes and horse accoutrements on East 24th Street in New York City since 1875. Many years ago, Kauffman & Sons sold the first Levi's jeans in New York — at \$1.50 a pair. The store has since supplied riding equipment to Rockefellers, Roosevelts, Kennedys and Eisenhowers — "everyone," Mr. Kauffman says, "except Nixon." Former New York Gov. Al Smith once sent his child's pony in his official limousine to be fitted for a saddle at the store. Kauffman & Sons made Teddy Roosevelt's boots, and "half the stuff that went up San Juan Hill (in the Spanish-American War) was ours," Mr. Kauffman says, not without a trace of pride. "We're truly venerable."

TEXAS TALK

Boot Hill . . . burying ground for bad men.
Get het up . . . to get upset
Larrupin' . . . scrumptious, delicious.
Meddlesome Mattie . . . a snoop.
Necktie social . . . a hanging.
Your place . . . where you live; never "your house."
Ah ha! San Antone . . . Oh Boy! Wow!
Busy as a tick in a tar bucket . . . real busy.
Fat as a turkey buzzard . . . obese.
Good Night Nurse! . . . Good grief!
Grin like a possum eatin' (per)simmons . . . smirk.
I've been to three state fairs and a goat ropin' and I ain't never seen nothin' like that! . . . highly unusual.
More — than Carter had oats . . . plenty.
Plum wore out . . . tired.
Ran like a scalded pup . . . ran very fast.
Red as a turkey gobbler's neck . . . bright red.
Shiny as a June bug . . . glistening.
Sorry as a buzzard's guts . . . describes something that has a bad odor.
The devil's beating his wife with a frying pan . . . a sun shower.
Well I swan! . . . My goodness!

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Lee residents pay taxes with bedsheet

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — John and Jean Markunas of Maritta Avenue stopped by the town tax office yesterday to pay the first installment of their fiscal 1980 property taxes. Instead of settling the \$920 bill with conventional currency, however, they handed the clerk an oversized check fashioned from a corner of an old bedsheet.

The Markunases submitted the unusual check in protest of a \$476 increase in their property taxes, to \$1,759 for the 1980 fiscal year. The hike was prompted by a revaluation of the Markunases' ranch house by the Assessors after the Markunases bought the property for \$48,000 in August 1978.

In a July 29 letter to the Boards of Selectmen and Assessors, the County Commissioners and state legislators, Markunas accused the town's Assessors of "discriminatory property tax policies." He charged that his property taxes had been raised \$659, from \$1,100 in 1978 to \$1,759 in 1980. The town's tax office records indicate, however, that Markunas' taxes rose from \$1,283 in fiscal year 1979 to \$1,759 in 1980, an increase of \$476.

Gave him forms

Assessor John E. Loring said Markunas came before the board to ask for an abatement of his property taxes after he received the bill last December.

"We gave him forms to fill out," Loring said, "and told him that we would review the case. We told him he had the choice of either taking his case to the County Commissioners or the Appellate Tax Court." The board subsequently rejected Markunas's request.

Markunas appealed the board's action to the County Commissioners, who dismissed the case after visiting the Markunas property April 1, and meeting May 5 with the Assessors and Markunas, and his attorney, J.E. Houghton Jr. of Pittsfield.

County Commissioner John Barrett III said Markunas pointed out various structural problems in the house during the Commission's inspection of the property.

In-ground pool

Barrett said the Commission included these problems in its appraisal. He noted, however, that Markunas had not been assessed for an in-ground swimming pool constructed on the property.

Loring said his board assessed Markunas's home according to square-foot costs provided in a manual published annually by the state Department of Revenue, and the exterior dimensions of the house. "We took the 100 per-



Nathan L. Wilbur

UNUSUAL CHECK is exhibited by John Markunas on steps of Lee Town Hall.

flurry of telephone calls.

After clerks at the tax office told him the bank would not accept the check, Markunas called the Federal Reserve Clearing House in Windsor Locks, Conn., and the Worcester office of the Conifer Group Inc., a multibank holding

Tracy, which includes Berkshire Bank and Bellmore and the couple have a son, James, 17. She is married to James Laurie A. M. Shire Community College in Westfield, she the music teacher service. A daughter, a graduate from Lenox Memorial High mathematics. She graduated in 1975 and from Berk- bachelors of science degree in mathematics. She graduated in 1975 and from Berk-

**Lee church schedules
200th anniversary party**

LEE — The Lee Congregational Church Bicentennial Committee has announced that the church's anniversary will be marked by celebrations from Aug. 24 to 31.

The observance will culminate Sept. 7, when the Rev. Alfred E. Williams, president of the Massachusetts United Church of Christ, will speak at Sunday services. Former pastors are expected to participate in the bicentennial.

A plate commemorating the church's 200th anniversary will be sold and special buttons have been ordered. Celebrations will be held in the town park, and lectures, musical events and a

basement of the sanctuary will receive a major cleanup, and new lighting will be installed in the sanctuary after the stenciling has been restored.

Members of the committee are chairman Kenneth Flemming, Helen Bruneau, Marion Carrington, Lois Brow, Diane Wheeler, Ethel Ambler, Muriel Pope, and the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor.



Nathan L. Wilbur

CHEERING ON a field of six in the first race is a crowd of bettors at the third annual hermit crab races held Saturday at the Lee home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Thomas III. Crab number three took first-place honors.

100 attend annual crab races at fun-loaded party in Lee

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Traveling to Saratoga, N.Y. to bet on the thoroughbreds is a yearly pilgrimage for the idle rich. But for over 100 neighbors and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Thomas III of Maple Street, a trip to Saratoga couldn't hold a candle to the third annual hermit crab races run Saturday in the backyard of the Thomas's property on Maple Street.

The races, favored by bright sunshine and blue skies, began at 3:30 p.m. with a stirring rendition of the national anthem delivered by Pauline Herlihy of South Lee. Ed Thomas, resplendent in a two-piece red and yellow suit with light blue patent leather shoes, then called his guests to the track for the first race.

The guests, clutching wads of one-cent betting tickets numbered to correspond with one of six crabs entered in the race, pressed to the edge of the roped-off track, while race master Michael A. Simone held the crabs captive in a coffee can above a two-foot diameter circle painted on a mat on the ground. At a command from Thomas, Simone poured the crabs into a ring painted inside the larger circle.

With the screams of the crowd urging them on, the crabs emerged from their shells and began to scuttle from the inner ring towards the outer border of the circle. First-place money

was awarded to the bettors whose tickets bore the number of the first crab to crawl the line.

Hermit crabs? Mrs. Thomas explained that she and her husband once visited his father and his wife at their retirement home in Naples, Fla. In a park on the grounds of the retirement community, she said, they discovered a crab race in progress.

"They were using sand crabs," she said. "And they're a lot faster. But you can't get them here, so we bought hermit crabs at a pet store in Lenox."

Commanding almost as much attention as the races, however, was the Thomases' well-stocked bar set up on a table at one end of the yard, and a feast of steak and accompanying goodies, which the guests devoured at tables placed under a large tent pitched in the center of the yard.

The unabashed absurdity of the races seemed to suit the mood of everyone present. "This is a time when everyone gets together," Mrs. Thomas said. "I love to see the expressions on people's faces when the races start. After a few races, people really start to get serious about it."

For the record, this reporter lost his shirt betting on crab number four, who never came out of his shell all afternoon. The smart money backed number three.

Congregational bicentennial starts in Lee

LEE — Declaring that the First Congregational Church here was founded 200 years ago on the principles of "dedication, determination, dissemination and devotion," Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor of the church, called upon his congregation yesterday to affirm their faith in the church's future in the spirit of "renewal, revival, witness and service."

Mr. Ryan's sermon to the 70-odd parishioners present at the church's regular morning service yesterday inaugurated the church's 15-day schedule of events marking its bicentennial.

A brief public service scheduled for 10 a.m. yesterday in the church park was postponed until Aug. 31, so that guest clergy, including the Rev. Stanley F. Johnson, might participate. Mr. Johnson, a former pastor of the church from 1962 to 1968, and currently the pastor of Falmouth Church in Cape Cod, will attend Sunday's services at 10 and 10:30 a.m., Mr. Ryan said.

In his remarks Mr. Ryan reviewed the history of the church. He noted that of its 28 pastors, eight served for one year, four for four years, eight for four to 10 years, five for 10 years, and three for 20 or more years. Mr. Ryan said he had already served more than 10 years, "for which I am deeply thankful."

First missionary effort

Mr. Ryan commended the church's history of "missionary endeavor." The first missionary organization in the United States, the Berkshire County Columbia Missionary Society, was founded by the church in 1798, he said.

Mr. Ryan also praised the efforts of the church's supporters over its last 50 years of existence. He cited the creation of an endowment fund for the church, the repair of the church's organ, the listing of the church in the National Register of Historic Places, the renovation of its steeple and the restoration of its painted interior as evidence of the continuing vitality and purpose of the church's mission in

the community.

Mr. Ryan ended his sermon by stating that the church's goal "for the next decade must be an emphasis on revival and renewal and witness for new membership to maintain the church's ministries and program." He then recognized the two oldest living members of the church, church historian Mrs. Tracy Ambler and Mrs. Henry Wilde Smith.

In addition to the two commemorative services scheduled for Sunday at 10 and 10:30 a.m., a third will be held Sept. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Guest clergy will address the congregation at all three services.

Other events to be held at the church will be a slide show depicting the renovation of the steeple, hosted by Mr. Ryan, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., and an organ recital by George Bailey, organist of the North Adams Congregational Church, Wednesday at 7 p.m. A festival of feature films including "The Music Man" will also be held today through Friday at 8 p.m. at the church, with an admission charge of 25 cents for each film.

A public celebration of the church's 200th birthday will be held Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. in the park. A barbershop chorus, the Berkshire Hillsmen from Pittsfield, will perform, in addition to a mime and a magician.

Guided tours of the church will be conducted from 1 to 4 p.m.



FIELD HOCKEY COACH Sally Maish, center, tells Lee school board of need for assistant coach for that sport at Lee High. At left is committee member

Henry Greiner; at right, Athletic Director Richard Lenfest, who discussed the field hockey team's schedule.

Nathan L. Wilbur

Lee school board contemplates effect of tax cutting on budget

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The School Committee last night grimly assessed the possible impact of Proposition 2½ by enumerating \$701,701 in programs and services that would have to be cut from the school budget over a two-year period if the controversial tax referendum is passed Nov. 4.

The proposition would limit taxes assessed on personal property to 2½ percent of its fair market value. Referring to this year's school budget of \$2,748,758, Committee Chairman John H. Dolan said that \$506,701, or about 18 percent, would be cut from the budget under the proposition's first year, and an additional \$195,000 in the second year.

Hit hardest by the proposition's passage, Dolan said, would be the summer school, vocational education, adult education and school athletics programs. All of these programs, whose combined budget is \$146,429, would be eliminated, he said.

Budgets for teaching and management staff would also be cut, Dolan said. The budget for the curriculum director's post and expenses (totaling \$33,007) would be slashed, and \$25,000 would be cut from the \$91,795 set aside for music and art instruction at the elementary school level, he said.

Teachers' salaries

The \$553,200 budget for teachers' salaries at Lee Central School would be cut by \$25,000 in the first year and by \$100,000 in the second, Dolan said. Similarly, he said, the \$485,300 allocated for high school teachers' salaries would be cut by \$20,000 the first year and \$75,000 the next.

The \$11,265 salary for the school system's audio-visual technician would be eliminated,

Dolan said, as well as a \$21,675 guidance director's post and a \$13,790 school nurse's position. The school system's \$10,800 food service program would also be dropped, he said.

"This has not been fun," Dolan said, describing the budget committee's deliberations. "We're destroying an educational system. There's no doubt there's a need for tax reform in this state, but it doesn't begin at the local level."

Reflecting upon the possible elimination of school athletics and the school system's vocational and adult education programs, committeeman William F. Tyer said, "There will be no incentive for the kids to stay in school. People don't look at the values that are being destroyed,

but look instead for a short term fix to solve their tax problems."

Committee member Henry Greiner said the proposition affects "the only two taxes that are raised, collected and spent in the towns. People don't realize that about 20 percent of what they'll save in excise and real estate taxes they'll have to pay to the federal government."

Field hockey issue

In other business, the committee read a letter from 28 members of the Lee High School girls' field hockey team criticizing the board's decision last year not to hire an assistant coach for the team. The girls charged the committee with not providing the team with an ade-

quate coaching staff, and suggested that their team had not received the financial support given to the boys' soccer and football teams, which have two and four coaches respectively.

Greiner said that in light of annual cuts in the teaching staff caused by decreasing enrollments and a lack of funds, he could not support the hiring, at \$300, of an additional field hockey coach. Coach Sally Maish replied that she found it difficult to supervise 29 girls on two teams without help.

The board recommended that athletic director Richard Lenfest review the girls' request when he draws up next year's athletic budget for the school system.



Nathan L. Wilbur

LOUNGING in two new child-sized recliner chairs in the children's room of the Lee Library yesterday were Stephen J. Coon, left, and Christopher K. Unsworth, right. The Library bought the chairs last Saturday from Lenox Wholesalers Inc. with memorial donations received from friends of the late Dr. John T. Cinella.

Lee Selectmen approve new policy on accessibility for handicapped

LEE — The Selectmen endorsed Monday a policy outlined by David Parker, chairman of the Department of Public Works, to make meetings involving the town boards accessible to handicapped persons.

Parker set forth the accessibility policy in a July 1 letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Parker's policy statement was in response to a letter from the EPA to the DPW, which stated that town boards receiving federal funds, in this case EPA monies for a sewer project, must comply with federal laws requiring that their meetings be accessible to the

handicapped. In his letter Parker said that the town boards have traditionally met in the Town Hall. He noted, however, that the building is not accessible to handicapped persons because of its high marble steps.

As a result, Parker said, if any disabled person wishes to attend a meeting of his board, the board will hold its meeting in the Airoidi Building on Rail-

road Street or another building accessible to the handicapped if it is given 24 hours' notice. Minutes of the board's meetings, special meeting notices, and any legal notices will be posted at the Airoidi Building, Parker added.

Parker observed that the town had already taken steps to conform to federal accessibility laws. He cited modifications to Lee school buildings, the Airoidi building, and the Lee Library that have removed physical obstacles to their use by the disabled, and added that a large section of sidewalk on Main Street will be reconstructed during the 1981 fiscal year to provide access ramps for the handicapped.



Lester Clarke

The featured artist at the Lee Library this month is Marion L. Berkman, above. A resident of Becket and Great Neck, Long Island, she taught art in New York City high schools for 20 years. She has won many awards for her water colors and oils.



Nathan L. Wilbur

OUTSTANDING BABIES in Marie's of Lee Baby Contest are proudly displayed by their mothers following the judging held yesterday at the Housatonic Street refreshment stand. From left, they are Mrs. Marcia

O'Neil and Kristen (honorable mention), Mrs. Margie Read and Stephanie (first place), Mrs. Angela Drury and Mindy Lyn (third place) and Mrs. Linda Dowd and Rian Melody (second place).

Baby contest in Lee draws 50 adults and 30 contestants

LEE — About 50 parents and family members gathered yesterday at Marie's of Lee refreshment stand on Housatonic Street to enter 30 babies in the first Marie's of Lee Baby Contest.

Fourteen-month-old Stephanie Read, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Read of Marble Street, took first-place honors.

Decked out in sparkling attire, the infants were brought before a panel of five judges. The judges were Lee Police Officer Joseph Buffis, Pittsfield lawyer George Crane, Lee housewife Marie Lombardi, Lenox High School Principal Paul

Perachi, and St. Mary's church organist Jacqueline Abbott.

Philip A. Lombardi, proprietor of Marie's and sponsor of the event, marveled at the heavy turnout. "We had no idea we would have this many people," he said.

The babies were judged on the basis of personality and appearance. Before the winners were announced, however, Perachi acknowledged that the judges had used "a purely subjective" point system in grading the children.

"They wouldn't let us pick 30 winners,"

Perachi told the crowd, "but I saw 30 beautiful babies. I have never tried to do anything so impossible."

In placing first, Stephanie Read won a small trophy for herself and a free meal at the drive-in for one of her parents. Fourteen-month-old Rian Melody Dowd took home an engraved picture frame, a clown bank and a stuffed animal as second-place winner, and 6-month-old Mindy Lyn Dowd won a toy and a medium-sized pizza from the Third Greek restaurant. Seventeen-month-old Kristen O'Neil won honorable mention from the judges.

Lee Planning Board approves permit for church to become auction gallery

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Planning Board, with the exception of absent member Dana P. LaDuke, voted unanimously last night to grant auctioneer Louis E. Caropreso a change of use permit enabling him to use the former Methodist Church on High Street as an auction gallery.

The board's action followed a 1½-hour public hearing on the matter attended by Caropreso, his attorney, Charles F. Sawyer of Pittsfield, and about 40 abutters and parishioners of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Marion Greenleaf of Pleasant Street said she spoke for many of the church's congregation in supporting Caropreso's

plans for the church building. Another parishioner, Frederick A. Warden III of Lander Road, said the church's pastor, Carl E. Mesnig, had begun negotiations to lease the church building from Caropreso for Sunday evening services.

Methodists to continue

Reached at his home, Mesnig confirmed Warden's statement, saying the congregation voted unanimously at a meeting Aug. 5 "to continue as a viable Methodist society in Lee." The congregation's first service, he said, will be Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marilyn Sullivan, a member of the Citizen's Advisory Council and the Chamber of

Commerce, urged the board to support Caropreso as a new member of Lee's business community by granting his application for a permit.

Opposing the change of use for the church building were Mrs. Marian D. Wood of Franklin Street and Mrs. Pauline E. Pollard of High Street. Both women spoke out against the increase of traffic on High Street that would be caused by auctions in the church.

Traffic problem

"Traffic is a definite problem on High Street," Mrs. Pollard said. She pointed out that the church, located on the east side of High Street, is in a residential

zone, and questioned whether the 90-car parking lot to be constructed behind the church would be able to handle the traffic generated by the auctions.

Sawyer said that, unlike a church service, persons attending the auctions would not all arrive and leave at the same time, so that traffic tie-ups were unlikely. He added that Caropreso had agreed to limit the number of auctions to be held at the church to two per month, or 24 per year.

The board approved Caropreso's application for the change of use permit, with the following restrictions. Caropreso, the board ruled, will have to construct on the one-acre site a 17,000-square-foot parking lot capable of handling up to 90 automobiles. The number of auctions will be limited to 24 annually, the board said, and the auctions must be concluded and the parking lots clear of cars by midnight.

Mrs. Read also required Caropreso to maintain the church building in good condition.

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Master Charge

Rte. 29

Pittsfield-Lenox Rd.

Center at Lenox

Name in the News

He loves what is old

LEE
Drafting a plan for the revitalization of Lee's downtown business district, encompassing problems of parking, building rehabilitation, housing, signs, and street design, would seem a complex and demanding task. Landscape architect Robert B. Macintosh has assumed its challenges, however, with cheerful conviction and a well-defined sense of purpose.

"I happen to have a lot of love and respect for what is old, and what has withstood the changing times," Macintosh said, sitting before a desk heaped with papers in his office in the rear of the McClelland Drug Store on Main Street. "I'm particularly excited to have the opportunity to work with a town whose physical infrastructure is basically what it was 100 years ago."

Macintosh, 28, was the unanimous selection of the town Citizen's Advisory Council to coordinate the downtown study, which will be funded through a \$19,450 grant awarded the town in June by the state Department of Communities and Development.

When asked what distinguished Macintosh from the other candidates for the post, Council Chairman Marilyn Sullivan said, "The most impressive thing about him is his feeling for communication with people. In a small community that's very important."

Macintosh's nine-month appointment as project coordinator, at an annual salary of \$18,000, began Aug. 20. His first responsibility will be to prepare a grant application for additional funding under the federal Small Cities program.

He appears well qualified for the job. A native of Melrose, a Boston suburb, Macintosh holds a bachelor of science degree in environmental science from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree in landscape architecture



Nathan Wilbur

Macintosh: Unanimous choice

from the University of Massachusetts. In pursuing his master's degree Macintosh helped redesign a 1.2-mile stretch of Routes 5 and 10 just outside the town of Greenfield, and participated in a project to reclaim a city block in Northampton's central business district which had suffered from economic and physical deterioration. "What excites me about this work," Macintosh said, "is that it constantly changes. There are always new problems to solve, and another project around the corner." In his Lee assignment, Macintosh will supervise a study of how Main Street buildings and their facades may be rehabilitated, how their available space may be used to provide low- and middle-in-

come housing, and how commercial and traffic signs may be made to work in concert with the town's buildings and overall appearance. He admitted, however, that the greater part of his own efforts will be devoted to redesigning the town's parking facilities and landscaping its streets. "My expertise is strongest in the area of designing outdoor space to serve human needs," he said. "One of Lee's problems on Main Street is that it (the street) has a north-south orientation, so that the buildings don't provide shade during the hottest part of the day," Macintosh said. Another problem, he said, is that there are not enough places on the street for shoppers to sit down and relax while walking from store to store. Macintosh said, however, that improvements in the downtown area, such as the planting of trees or the installation of benches along Main Street, must be consonant with the town's character. "Lee is a working-class community," he said. "There's a great deal of strength and utilitarianism in the way that Lee was built and the way it is used. "A small flowering tree might be appropriate for Stockbridge's streets," Macintosh continued, "but for Lee a large major street tree, like the old elms, might be more appropriate in reflecting the strength of the town itself." Macintosh will move into an apartment on Railroad Street over the Labor Day weekend. "The best way to do this job is to experience it firsthand," he said. "Many consultants churn out a reflex response to a situation, instead of getting the nitty-gritty personal information they need." Considering the interest, training and sensibilities which Macintosh brings to his task, Lee's downtown study appears to be in capable hands.

First Is Best

When I am introduced as a teacher, I am usually asked what I teach. When I say "first grade," I generally hear a very flat "Oh!" I have never been certain whether this is an expression of pity, sympathy, disgust, or perhaps disinterest. Always I wish I had the time to tell people something like this: Yes, I teach the first grade. Where else would a handsome and very young man put his arms around me and ask, "Do you know that I love you?" Where else would I tie so many hair ribbons and belts and daily get to see a style show of pretty dresses and shirts? Where else could I wear the same dress day after day and be told each time that it is pretty? Where else could I walk up and down aisles and have warm hands touch me? Where else could I have the privilege of wiggling loose teeth and receive a promise that I may pull them when they are loose enough? Where else could I eat a soiled piece of candy from a grimy little hand and not get ill? (I have to eat it because he watches to see that I do.) Where else would the future look as bright as it does amid an energetic group to whom nothing is impossible? Where else could I guide the first letter formations of a chubby little hand that may some day write a book or an important document? Where else could I forget my own aches and pains because of so many cut fingers, scratched knees, bumped heads, and broken hearts that need care? Where else could I forget taxes and even "the state of the nation" because Stevie isn't grasping reading as he should and other methods must be tried? Where else would my mind have to stay so young as with a group whose attention span is so short that I must always keep a "bag of tricks up my sleeve?" Where else could I feel so close to my Maker as I do each year when, because of something I have done, little children learn to read? Yes, I do teach the first grade, Mr. and Mrs. America. And I love it!

— Mrs. Janet Gorrell Meyer in Catholic Quote

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The board also required Caropreso to provide personnel to direct traffic prior to and during the auctions, and to put up suitable screening between the parking lot and adjoining residential areas.

Property non-conforming

Planning Board member James Kuneman said the board was empowered to rule upon Caropreso's permit application because the church property was non-conforming, in that two major structures, the church and the parsonage, had been built upon it. He said that because the west side of High Street is zoned for both business and residential uses, the church building would be an extension of the business district on the street.

In addition, Kuneman said, the board voted in favor of granting the permit to Caropreso because the off-street parking to be provided by Caropreso would "lessen the burden of traffic" along High Street.



Nathan L. Wilbur

HEAD LIBRARIAN of the Heywood Levi Memorial Library in Gardner, Robert L. Rice, speaks on Proposition 2½ at the annual fall meeting of the West-

ern Massachusetts Library Club at the Lee Library Thursday. Seated at left is Kathy Gagnon, librarian at the Jones Library in Amherst.

Library Club holds meeting in Lee

LEE — About 110 members from Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden and Berkshire counties congregated Thursday at the Lee Library for the Western Massachusetts Library Club's annual fall meeting.

State Rep. Dennis J. Duffin, D-Lenox, opened the meeting with a brief statement in support of public libraries and their services to residents in Western Massachusetts. Duffin's remarks were followed by a discussion by two speakers of the probable impact of Proposition

2½ on municipal libraries in the area.

Highlighting the meeting was an address by Virginia Tashjian, an author of children's books, director of the Newton Free Library and former president of both the Massachusetts and New England library associations.

Role of librarian

Ms. Tashjian told the gathering that despite radical developments in human civilization dating from the origin of food-producing societies to today's

"information-automation society," the role of the librarian — to gather information, organize it and make it available to the populace — has not essentially changed. Faced with the realities of modern life, she said, librarians must decide whether to "retreat, reform, rebel or innovate."

Ms. Tashjian said public libraries must inform the people they serve of their many services to society.

Libraries, she said, provide residents with educational facilities, referral and information services, aid to the elderly, handicapped and other special interest groups, and exposure to cultural experiences. She urged her colleagues to "provide a lifelong learning opportunity to the total community, and make the library a center of community life."

Libraries face challenges

Among the challenges to be dealt with by libraries, Ms. Tashjian said, are improvements to aging buildings, modification of facilities to include

television and new information systems, and changes in services to reflect a higher proportion of elderly persons in society. She also cited a growing lack of municipal funds to support the operation of libraries in the area, and a rising crime rate as two other problems that libraries will have to contend with in future.

Ms. Tashjian closed her address by calling upon her listeners to "pursue a life of the mind" as well as serve in a "life of commerce."

Charging the librarians gathered before her with the task of disseminating the written word, she said, "Guard it and actively foster its existence. Read it, write it, and recite it."

Barrington church sets women's day

GREAT BARRINGTON — Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church will conduct a Women's Day program Sunday at 3.

Guest speaker will be evangelist Viola Smiley of Syracuse, N.Y. The public is invited.

Board votes to switch to 2 meetings a month

NEW LEBANON, N.Y. — At a meeting lasting more than 4½ hours, the New Lebanon School Board decided Tuesday night to hold two monthly meetings instead of one.

The board voted to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from now on. However, the next meeting will come on Wednesday, Nov. 12, to avoid meeting on the Veterans

Day. The board will establish management objectives for the high school administration that will form the basis for a year-end evaluation of the principal's performance.

Bakery depot, store set for Lee

LEE — Frederick P. Williams of Agawam, the new owner of the former Gasland station on Center Street, said yesterday that the building will be converted into an Arnold Bakery warehouse and retail thrift store.

Williams bought the property two weeks ago from Good Hope Industries of Springfield, of which Gasland Inc. is a subsidiary. He declined comment on the purchase price of the property.

Williams said he owns the western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut franchise for distributing baked goods produced by Arnold Bakeries of Greenwich, Conn. Two drivers in his employ deliver fresh bread and other bakery products to towns throughout Berkshire County, Williams said.

Williams said he ran his operation from the Lipton's gas station on Wahconah Street in Pittsfield for 15 years, but decided to relocate it in Lee because of the town's "central location" in the county.

Day-old bread

One of the two front rooms in the 30- by 50-foot building will serve as a warehouse for bread and other products delivered from Arnold plants, Williams said. The adjoining room, he said, will become a bakery retail thrift store, owned by George M. Barsalou of Chicopee, at which day-old bread, rolls, pastry and cookies returned by the drivers will be sold at a 30 percent discount.

Williams said the building will undergo "a complete renovation." The exterior of the building will be covered with barn-board siding, he said, and planters will be constructed around its foundation.

The interior of the thrift store, Barsalou said, will be freshly paneled and carpeted, and a new dropped ceiling will be installed.

"My goal will be so that it doesn't look like a gas station," Williams said. He estimated that the cost of the renovations will be "between \$5,000 and \$10,000." He added that he and Barsalou



Nathan L. Wilbur

BREAD MEN George M. Barsalou, left, and Frederick P. Williams stand yesterday before the former Gasland station on Center Street in Lee, which they are renovating into an Arnold Bakery warehouse and retail thrift store.

will do the renovation work themselves and expect to open for business Sept. 15.

Williams said he took over his father's bread distribution business after his father retired Jan. 1. He said he supervises the operation of 18 other distribution routes in Massachusetts and northern Connecticut, as well as two other thrift stores in Springfield and West Springfield.

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Lee to establish policies on system of automatic alarm

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Selectmen voted last night to set guidelines concerning the responsibilities of police and town employees in responding to automatic security alarms received by the town switchboard.

The board's action followed a discussion of the matter with Jerome Scully, town counsel, and Richard E. Gore, president of Lee Audio and Security Co. of Fairview Street, installers of the alarm system, which is monitored by the town's switchboard operators.

Speaking for the board, Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said that in the event of an alarm being received at the switchboard, the operator on duty will attempt to contact the owner of the residence or business involved by consulting a list of telephone numbers provided by said owners. The operators will call only the numbers provided on that list, he said, and all out-of-town calls will be charged to the owners.

Check for forced entry

DeVarennes said police investigating a building whose alarm has sounded will check for signs of forced entry. Police will remain on the premises until the owner arrives if there is evidence of forced entry, but may leave before the owner arrives if the building has not been broken into, he said.

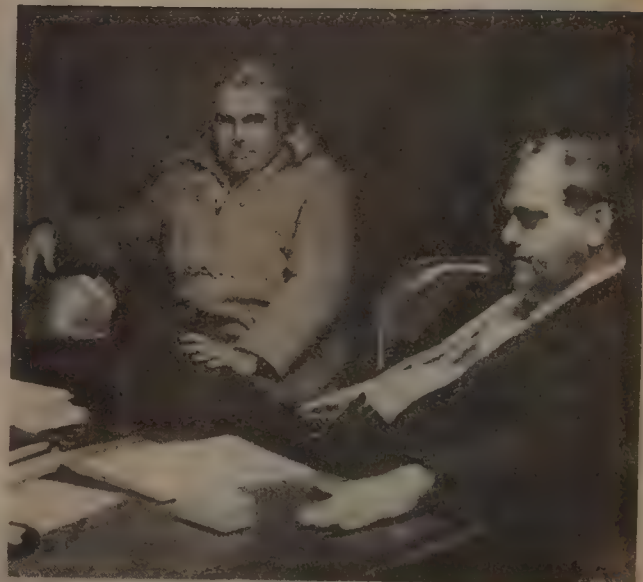
Purpose of the guidelines, DeVarennes said, was to save the town money in telephone costs and to ensure that the town's policemen would not be engaged in "baby-sitting" for houses and businesses whose owners could not be reached.

Gore told the Selectmen that each property owner rents space on a receiving panel set up in the town switchboard office, and pays the town a \$50 service fee each year. The advantages of the system, Gore said, are that its response to alarms is "instantaneous" and that its service to houses and businesses cannot be interrupted by the cutting of power lines. The alarm travels over phone lines.

No formal agreement

Gore noted that, unlike Lenox, Lee does not have a formal agreement between the town and the people served by the alarm system. At Gore's suggestion, the board decided to send to participating residents a letter stating these guidelines and requesting that they provide a list of telephone numbers where they may be reached in and out of town. The letter also will direct the owners of buildings whose systems produce false alarms to rectify the problem or disconnect the system.

When asked by the Selectmen if the town would be liable for



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PRESIDENT of Lee Audio and Security Co., Richard E. Gore of Fairview Street, right, met last night with Town Counsel Jerome Scully, left, and the Selectmen to discuss the town's guidelines for responding to alarms received by the town switchboard.

losses suffered by a resident whose house was broken into and whose alarm was overlooked by the police, Scully said, "I think the individual would have a hard time proving the responsibility of the town for its failure to respond."

The board asked Scully, who also was acting in the capacity of corporate lawyer for Lee Audio, to draft the letter to residents served by the system. When asked by a reporter after the meeting if his position as town counsel was in conflict of interest with his status as Lee Audio's lawyer, Scully said, "It could be."

Scully said he would "ask someone else" to draft the letter, and added that he would not participate in future dealings between Lee Audio and the town.

Outdoor bell alarms

In a related matter, Gore suggested outdoor bell alarms in town be replaced by direct connections to the switchboard alarm system.

The board directed secretary Pauline Pollard to send a letter to Suburban Medical Associates of Stockbridge Road requesting the medical center connect its fire alarm to the town's alarm system.

"If they do not comply," DeVarennes said, "we (the board) may consider recovering the old fire alarm that's in existence there."

Mendel Adlersheim dies; cantor, community activist

Mendel Adlersheim, 89, known as a cantor in synagogues in Pittsfield and surrounding communities for many years, and as a visitor to the sick in local hospitals, died late Thursday at Hillcrest Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Adlersheim came to New York City from Europe in 1915. He moved to Pittsfield in 1916 and became a junk collector and then the operator of a trucking business. But the work he did for a living was overshadowed by his voluntary work on behalf of people of the community and by his ability as a cantor, or singer of liturgical music in synagogues and a leader of congregations in prayer.

In 1961, Mr. Adlersheim was honored by Pittsfield's Jewish Community Council for "humanitarian services," particularly for his visits to patients of all creeds at the former Pittsfield General Hospital, a practice he had followed for the previous 20 years.

Council officials at the time said the friends he made "were legion." During World War II, according to a newspaper report of the time, he "made it his responsibility to see every Jewish boy off at the bus or railroad station and present him with a prayer book from his own funds."

Two years ago, an area resident, writing a letter to the Eagle, asked about "the nice man who would get all dressed up... and visit patients in our local hospitals." Mr. Adlersheim was then living at Columbia Arms apartments. He said it was difficult for him to make hospital visits any longer because he had given up driving, but he still made occasional visits anyway.

He kept busy, he said, by teaching Hebrew and doing volunteer work at Temple Anshe Amunim.

Mr. Adlersheim was born April 1, 1891, in Hosznów, near the city of Bolechow in Galicia, a region of southeastern Poland which was then part of the old Austro-Hungarian empire. He studied in the public school and the Hebrew school and learned German, Polish, Hebrew and Ukrainian.

He continued his studies in secondary school in Vienna and also studied for the rabbinate at the Hebrew college there. But with the outbreak of World War I, he fled the country for the United States.

Comes to Pittsfield

After coming to Pittsfield, he became a teacher in the Hebrew School and later became cantor

in the Ahavath Sholem Synagogue, a post he held for more than 20 years. He also served as a cantor in synagogues in North Adams, Bennington, Vt., and Hudson, N.Y., and assisted at the Knesset Israel Synagogue here.

He was a member of Temple Anshe Amunim and of both Pittsfield synagogues.

Friends remember him as a lover of modern Hebrew and Hebrew poetry and as a scholar of the Bible and Rabbinic literature. They said he had a beautiful voice and was a masterful reader of the Torah.

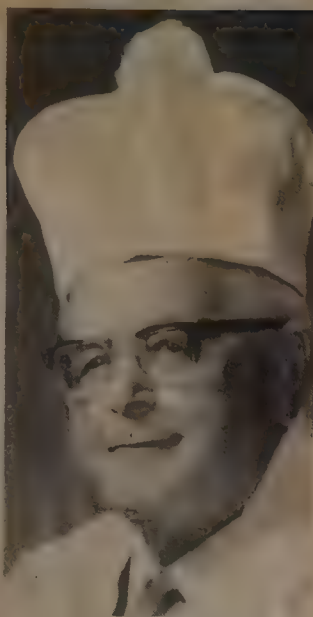
In 1964, during a visit to Israel, Mr. Adlersheim was reunited with his sister, Nehama Schneeweiss, whom he had not seen for 52 years, although he had corresponded with her.

In 1974, Temple Anshe Amunim honored Mr. Adlersheim as its man of the year.

He is survived by his sister, who lives in Haifa, Israel.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Temple Anshe Amunim. Burial will be in the temple section of Pittsfield Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Cantor Mendel Adlersheim memorial fund at the temple.

The Pigott & Meehan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Mendel Adlersheim

Appalachian hiker hits 80

By Christopher Chapman

CHESHIRE — Just a few days into his journey along the 2,000-mile Appalachian Trail last April, Albert C. Dennis was on the verge of exhaustion.

It had taken him three days to go the first 13 miles from the ranger's cabin at Amicalola State Park in Georgia, near the Springer Mountain starting point.

"It was a tough stretch, and I was out of shape," he said on a stop here Friday. "I couldn't go for more than 200 feet at a time up a hill without having to stop, gasping for breath. I had emphysema from smoking, which I quit 15 years ago. It's been getting better, but I still had to keep stopping."

Celebrated his birthday

Fifteen years ago Dennis was 65. On May 10 on the highest point of the trip, Clingman's Dome in the Great Smokey Mountains in North Carolina, he celebrated his 80th birthday.

The lean, sun-browned resident of Campbell, Calif., says he is undertaking the trip to Mount Katahdin in Maine "because of the challenge. It's supposed to be the toughest trail in the country."

At times, he found that challenge almost did him in.

A few days after starting out, he found himself without water. He met another, younger hiker with the same problem, who went on ahead, found a stream and left a note advising Dennis he'd find water a quarter mile down a certain hill.

"I found the spring all right, but I couldn't make it back up to the trail," Dennis



Christopher Chapman

Albert Dennis pauses for rest in Cheshire.

recalled. "I had to spend the night right there."

"It was cold and there was a pea-soup fog all around. I kept trying to draw my legs up to make my body a knot for warmth, but I got terrible cramps when I did that. I had to get up and walk around."

"I saw two moons through the fog that night. I was right at the point of complete exhaustion."

over wood fires with just a pan and a pot.

Also, he did not buy camping clothes, and set out only with one set. Besides a solid, light green shirt, he was wearing a pair of dark green trousers and thick argyle socks.

Shading his face and closely trimmed white beard

was a white and yellow baseball cap with an Appalachian Trail patch.

He was a runaway

He won't eat freeze-dried foods except for pasta. "They don't have the food value, and they absorb copious amounts of water. After eating, you become very thirsty and drink two quarts of water." Instead, he said, he buys as much fresh food as he can carry in the towns along the way, and carries some dried beef.

Planning another trek

The octogenarian is no stranger to the itinerant life.

"I ran away from home at 14 and worked ranches, farms, mines and lumber camps all over the country, and I got where I wanted to go by riding flatcars and boxcars. I was a general hobo."

Later, he became a dental technician. He retired six years ago.

When he entered Berkshire County, Dennis was about two-thirds done with his journey. After he reaches Mount Katahdin, he said, he will begin planning another.

He wants to "take a float trip down the Missouri and Mississippi River."

Another cold night, he couldn't feel anything below his knees, and the stew he had prepared for dinner, but couldn't eat, froze.

Why didn't he turn around?

"That's not the kind of person I am," he responded crisply, his bright, blue eyes flashing.

Over a glass of lemonade, Dennis said he has worked his way up to an average 18 miles a day, with 24 miles being his record.

Dennis says he spurns most of the equipment average hikers carry. He wears a worn pair of L.L. Bean fishing shoes "because they're more comfortable than boots."

He also carries a cane in each hand for support since he injured a leg hiking through Virginia.

Dennis spurns a tent, preferring to sleep in shelters or under the stars, and cooks



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(statement by the Founders)

Name in the News

Shopkeeper chef

Fate may have handed Susan Gordon the biggest challenge yet in her young life. She was called upon this month, unexpectedly, to take over the reins of the Pittsfield Downtown Associates, the city's merchant oriented promotional agency. The challenge appears to be whether or not she can patch up some deep wounds and salvage what is left of the comparatively young organization.

The call came after Wayne Harris, the current president, was advised by his physician to put aside his numerous outside activities if he wanted to avoid serious medical problems later on.

As vice president of the PDA, Ms. Gordon was slated to take over as president in March at the next annual election anyway. Her assumption of the office now comes at a time when the PDA appears to be at the crossroads. What happens in the next 12 to 15 months could mean the future of the merchants organization.

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It is no secret that the PDA was seriously polarized by the proposed Pyramid downtown mall. When the city lost the record \$14.2 million UDAG allocation and the Pyramid project collapsed, there was not much left for either side to shout about.

Although Susan Gordon had maintained a low profile throughout much of the controversy, many members felt she sided with the anti-Pyramid people.

Her official position, in her own words, was that she "opposed the mall as it had been proposed by Pyramid but is in favor of a development that is more in keeping with Pittsfield and North Street."

At 29, Sue Gordon is among the youngest merchants on North Street and certainly the youngest to head the PDA.

Her store, Your Kitchen, at 170 North St. offers one of the most extensive collections of kitchen utensils and cooking implements that can be found outside New York City.

Its success as a business venture can be easily measured by the growth and the expanding variety of its inventory.

Her colleagues attribute her success to her ability to find and fill a need in the community.



Joel Librizzi

Ms. Gordon: Big challenge

Her particular talent developed as she pursued a career in food preparation after her graduation from Tufts University in 1973.

At Tufts, she had majored in theater.

Ms. Gordon spent her childhood in Lee where her father, Milton, is an executive with the Schweitzer Division of Kimberly-Clark Corp.

She graduated from the former Miss Hall's School and entered Tufts.

Through her growing up years, she discovered that the kitchen in the family homestead was where she was most comfortable.

Her interest in cooking led her to select the prestigious Cordon Bleu School in London for advance training. She had an interview there while studying drama in London as part of her junior year at Tufts. Before flying back to London after her graduation from Tufts in 1974, however, she worked as a short-order cook in Boston and spent a summer at the Inn at Shaker Mill Farm in New Lebanon, N.Y.

After Cordon Bleu, she had a brief ro-

mance with natural foods by cooking for a colony of religious mystics in Scotland.

She returned to the United States in 1975 and went back to work for the Inn at Shaker Mill before joining Alice's at Avaloch a year later where she achieved the rank of chef.

She has just completed her second year as owner of Your Kitchen, a business she says she likes better than anything else she has ever done.

Her success as a business owner and her outspoken contributions at PDA meetings got her elected to the board of directors and eventually to the post of vice president.

When Chamber officials said the PDA would have to handle more of its own administrative affairs in the future, she got the message.

Her solution has been to name three vice presidents, each with different administrative assignments. The vice presidents haven't been selected as yet.

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Meanwhile, Ms. Gordon is not letting the weight of her new position slow her down.

Her first love is still food preparation, and she keeps involved by teaching classes at the Girls Club. She also lectures frequently on the art of cooking.

She also enjoys preparing food for friends at her new home on West Street in Pittsfield.

She is concerned about the dwindling membership of the PDA. One of her vice presidents will be assigned the specific task of recruiting new members.

The PDA membership may also look forward to an aggressive leadership from Sue Gordon.

She didn't become a business success by sitting back and watching the parade pass by.

Judging by her first public entanglement this week, a spat with City Savings Bank over its sponsorship of an out-of-town shopping trip for special depositors while the PDA has been encouraging residents to shop downtown, the PDA will be marching henceforth to a different drummer and the cadence will be picking up speed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BESS F. GRAHAM

Perkins' Memorial Chapel
First Congregational Church of Lee

Thursday, August 23, 2:00 p.m.

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Organ Preludes.

Opening Statement and Prayer.

Words of Assurance.

Prayers of Remembrance.

The Lord's Prayer.

Scripture Readings. Psalms 91,23 Romans 8.
Selected Poem - William W. How

Organ Interlude. "For All the Saints"

Reflections of the Life of Bess Graham.

The Prayer of Commemoration.

The Benediction. (from the Friends' Prayer Book)

Organ Postludes.

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Officiating: The Reverend Walter S. Ryan

Organist: Mrs. Mary Ann Bradley

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Greetings after the service in the Church Parlor,
dedicated to the Graham Family and meeting place
of the Weavers' Guild, of which Bess was a
member.

In Memory of Bess F. Graham (1891-1979)

Bess was baptized in this church on 6/7/1891
by The Reverend Dr. L. S. Rowland and joined
this church as a full member by confession on
11/1/1903.

We recall a life full of active service to
mankind that has been well documented in the
press obituary columns. From her childhood here
in Lee, her faith in God and the role of the
Christian church in this community and society
in general, we see that her life never lacked
sincere emphasis.

She was a Christian Educator of the first order
that took her to many parts of the United States
and China. Her spiritual stature was certainly
great and in my many conversations with her in
visits to hospital and nursing homes, I came to
know her as a great soul.....faithful to her God.

Our church and its' steeple were always in her
concerns and we can sense the joy she would have
felt in seeing the present steeple restoration
taking place. "It must be preserved, at all
costs," Bess would say to me.

Resting on the promises of Jesus Christ and His
Gospel message, we know that her soul and spirit
is in the loving care of God in His Eternal
Kingdom.

"We are encompassed about by a great cloud
of witnesses," wrote St. Paul, and we
sense the presence of our loved one,
Bess, here today.

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Nathan L. Wilbur

USING PLANS to illustrate features of the vacation-resort rooms to be built on the Center at Foxhollow's 235-acre property was Boston architect Andrew

M. DeFrancesco, who addressed about 50 guests at a reception held last night at the Center in Lenox.

Construction begins in Lee of 72-unit conference center

By Nathan Wilbur

LENOX — About 50 South Berkshire businessmen, town officials and guests attended a reception last night at the Center at Foxhollow marking the beginning of construction of a 72-unit conference center and time-shared vacation resort on the 235-acre property.

Glenn Piper and Donald Goldsworthy, owners and co-directors of Housing Trends, a Hillsdale, N.J., marketing firm in charge of planning, development and marketing of the resort, addressed the gathering.

Piper said ground was broken June 30 on a model building housing four luxury hotel rooms, situated near one of the man-made ponds on the property. Construction of the model building, he said, will be completed Oct. 1, at which time a second four-unit building will be erected

next to it. The finished eight-unit, 80- by 42-foot building will be one of nine to be built on the Lee portion of the Foxhollow property, which straddles the Lee-Lenox line.

Last night's gathering was held at the Foxhollow mansion, which is in Lenox.

The individual units, Piper said, will be leased to customers for a period of one to three weeks per year for 35 years. One-week, 35-year leases, he said, would range in price from \$6,000 during the peak summer season to \$2,400 in off-season months such as October. In addition to the cost of leasing the rooms, customers will pay \$120 per week in maintenance charges, he said.

Piper said, "Most people can't afford a second vacation home, and those who can don't have the time to enjoy it. We let people purchase what they need."

Convenience and ease of ownership are two other advantages, Piper said. "Pay for a room once and it's yours for 35 years," he said. He added, "You can rent it, sell it, will it or exchange it" for a comparable room at any of 200 other resorts in the United States and abroad.

Goldsworthy said an indoor swimming pool, health spa and tennis and racquetball courts will eventually be built on the property to make it a year-round resort. Although his firm has been advertising for only 10 days, Goldsworthy said, 35 percent of the model building's summer capacity for next year has already been sold.

Boston architect Andrew M. DeFrancesco ended the evening's presentation by showing the guests plans of the three-story model building and its rooms.

Berkshire Hills Post

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Morgan House on Main Street, which reopened for business nearly 10 months ago, closed its doors yesterday after its operators announced they will file for bankruptcy.

Dieter Ahrens and Dana Smith of Salem, who leased the restaurant last December from owner Maria Cole of Tyringham, were forced to shut it down due to a lack of working capital.

"The expenses of running this business were enormous," Ahrens said. "There wasn't enough cash flow to keep it open."

After opening for business last New Year's Eve, Ahrens and Smith suffered through a poor winter season, the chief cause of which was a severe drop in the tourist trade brought about

by a lack of snow for skiers. The restaurant's losses from January to May, Ahrens said, amounted to about \$50,000.

Ahrens said business at the inn had increased this summer, but it could not compensate for the restaurant's winter drought. "Except for a few peak weekends the inn business has been disappointing," he said. "The bar business was stronger, but it wasn't a money-making operation because of the advertising and entertainment we did to build the business up."

Ahrens's regret at closing the restaurant was plain.

"We still feel it (the inn) has great potential," he said. "In two or three years, if we had the capital to see it through, it would have been a different story."

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Massachusetts



Nathan L. Wilbur

LANDMARK built in the early 19th century in the Federal style, the Merrell Tavern in South Lee will be operated as a bed-and-breakfast inn, according to its prospective owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Reynolds of Walworth, N.Y.

Merrell Tavern to be sold to N.Y. couple for \$65,000

LEE — The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities announced yesterday that it will sell the Merrell Tavern in South Lee to a Walworth, N.Y., couple for \$65,000.

Daniel M. Lohnes, director of property development, said Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Reynolds had signed an agreement to purchase the building, which was donated to the society in 1947 by the late Mabel Choate of Stockbridge. Reynolds said yesterday that he expected to close the transaction "before the end of the year."

Reynolds said he and his wife Faith intend to operate the 170-year-old structure on Route 102 as a bed-and-breakfast inn. As a

condition of the couple's purchase agreement with the society, he said, they will carry out \$50,000 worth of restoration work on the building's interior and exterior over the course of the next three years.

The original structure, consisting of the first two floors, was built by Joseph Whiton as a hotel between 1810 and 1815. Two years after its construction, the building came into the Merrell family, where it remained for 100 years. A third-floor ballroom and front porch, both examples of Greek Revival architecture, were added in 1838.

The William Davis family bought the property in 1880 and ran it for 20 years as the Davis Hotel. Miss Choate acquired the

tavern from the Merrell-Davis family in 1918 and ran it as the Old Tavern Tea Room during the 1920s and early 1930s. During World War II, tearooms fell out of fashion and in 1947 Miss Choate gave the property to the Boston-based society.

The society announced its intention to sell the building, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, in July 1979 as part of a move to divest itself of 14 properties under its administration.

"We want to have about 10 guest rooms, and we want to retain the original Federal atmosphere of the house," Reynolds said. "We've collected Hepplewhite and Sheraton antiques for many years, and we plan to furnish the tavern with these pieces, which are right in keeping with its period and style."

The renovation work, Reynolds said, will include repainting of the rooms in their original colors and conversion of the third-floor ballroom into four guest rooms.

Reynolds said renovation of the building will begin next spring. "We hope to have most of the work done by next summer, when we'll open for business," he said. He added that he and his wife will leave their teaching posts in the Penfield and Ontario, N.Y., schools at that time and take up residence in the rear of the tavern.

"It's a wonderful example of a 19th-century tavern," Lohnes said, "both in its unaltered condition and its basic fabric. It needs painting, but it's a wonderfully sound, pure building."

Coupe
\$1.00



Nathan Wilbur

SINGING A DUET at the Lee Library last night were Robin Bailey (left) and Laurie Ann Ennis (center), students at Lee High School. Accompanying them on the guitar was Susan Ebitz, a teacher in the Lee

school system. The concert was part of a program sponsored by the Lee Arts Council to celebrate the first anniversary of the Lee Arts Center.

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Lee youth group president optimistic on town decision

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Roy J. Martin, president of the Lee Youth Association, said yesterday he was "optimistic" that two articles proposing the creation of a town youth commission and the hiring of a director to lead it will be passed by the town's representatives at Thursday's special town meeting.

Martin said he expected the proposed youth commission to be instituted despite the town's former "apathetic attitude" toward youth organizations and the possibility of cutbacks in the town's budget if Proposition 2½ is passed.

Comments by several residents indicate that the town's sentiments with respect to these articles may be divided.

Martin said many residents have long felt the need for a youth program in which the town's children could participate. Former youth organizations in town failed, he said, because they offered a narrow range of activities to only a portion of the town's youth. These organizations, he added, were also overly dependent upon private contributions and town support to pay their operating expenses.

Apply for grants

The youth commission, Martin said, would be a "non-profit, community-wide" organization that would work in concert with town government. As a result, he said, the organization would be able to apply for state and federal grants to help pay the cost of its programs.

In addition, he said, the youth commission would be able to receive financial aid from businesses and individuals in the community, Catholic youth charities and public service agencies such as the Lee United Community Fund.

"The town has a terrific sports program, with a lot of volunteers involved, but we don't have an all-encompassing recreation program," Martin said.

The youth commission, he said, would provide boys and girls aged 7 to 14 with a wide range of activities including, but not restricted to, sports. The commission's programs would be expanded to include high-school aged youths "when we have trained the kids to participate in structured activities," he said.

Off the streets

"Many youth centers are intended to get high school students off the streets," he said, "but if those kids aren't used to using a structured center it won't appeal to them. The kids need to grow up with the center for it to work."

Martin emphasized that the establishment of the youth commission and its programs in the community will take time. "These kids have never been in a long-term program," he said. "They need to be given time. The benefits aren't material, and they won't be seen right away."

Martin noted that the Grange building on Academy Street, which the Lee Grange has agreed to lease to the LYA if the two articles are passed, "will need a lot of work to get in

shape." He added, however, that the LYA will ask the children to be served by the center to participate in its renovation. "That way, it will instill in them a sense of accomplishment," he said. "It won't mean anything to them if it's handed to them on a silver platter."

Martin said he anticipated cuts will be made in the town's recreation budget and in the schools' athletic programs if Proposition 2½, a tax referendum on the November ballot limiting real estate taxes to 2½ percent of full market value, is passed.

Bad to worse

"If we don't have an ongoing recreational program to absorb the idle time of these kids and to point them in the right direction," he said, "then the situation that we have will only go from bad to worse."

Martin said that, being a non-profit organization, the youth commission, with the exception of the \$13,500 required to hire a director, would not be supported by the town's taxes. The director, he said, would provide the necessary experience and leadership to enable the youth commission's programs to develop.

"Recreation is a business," Martin said. "It takes a full-time person to keep the thing running, and to keep the volunteers working together."

Francis D. Foley Jr., a town representative from Lee's sixth district, said he was in favor of the creation of a youth organization which would provide "organized programs for the kids' off-time." He questioned, however, the amount of the salary specified for the youth commission's director.

Expensive salary

The "\$13,500 is an expensive salary, more than most starting teachers get, who have proved their credentials," he said. "Police officers don't get that kind of money either. They (the LYA) have to prove that the director can do the job."

Selectman Maria D. Bettega said she did not wish to take a stand on the matter. "It's up to the representatives," she said. "I have no feelings for it, because I have no children that are involved. It's immaterial to me what happens."

Steven Iacuesa of Paul Street, a former chairman of the Finance Committee, said he had been encouraged by what he felt was the growing strength and purposeful presence of the LYA in the community.

"Sometimes it takes time for people to gain the support of a majority of people in town," he said. "I think it (the youth commission) is a good thing and I think it will pass."

When asked his reaction to the salary proposed for the director, Iacuesa said, "I assume that they (the LYA) have taken the time to draw up a job description, and that the salary is appropriate for the job they're trying to fill. I'm assuming that the organization is strong and that they know where they're headed. I don't think they're a flash in the pan."

Lee assesses tax-cut impact

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Selectmen assessed the probable impact of Proposition 21 upon the Police Department and the Department of Public Works Monday in meetings with acting Police Chief Edward Finnegan, the Assessors and the DPW board.

Finnegan told the Selectmen that if the tax proposal is passed in November, the current police budget of \$204,000 will be cut by \$31,000, or at least 15 percent. The controversial tax referendum on the November ballot would limit taxes levied on real estate to 21 percent of its full market value.

When asked by the board what cuts in services would have to be made, Finnegan said one of the town's two police cruisers, and at least one of its eight full-time patrolmen would have to be eliminated "just to get down to the bare minimum."

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes noted that "about 80 percent" of the police department's budget consists of "unalterable" expenses such as salaries and fuel. He added that with inflation the first-year reduction in the department's budget could amount to 22 percent.

Selectmen William M. Murphy said voters "just don't believe" that services provided to the town will be cut back if the tax proposition is passed. Finnegan responded, "They're looking for tax relief and I can't blame them."

DPW budget

David Parker, chairman of the DPW, enumerated cuts totaling \$69,250 from a DPW budget of \$355,909. The budget in question, he said, did not include either the water or sewer accounts, which deal with services not funded by property tax revenues.

Heading the list of reductions, Parker said, would be a \$45,500 cut in the highway department budget. Broken down, the cuts would eliminate \$2,500 in miscellaneous repairs, all part-time employees (\$10,000), \$9,000 in maintenance services, \$2,000 in equipment charges, \$12,000 in snow and ice removal and \$10,000 in tar and oil costs for road repairs.

DPW funds appropriated by the annual meeting under a separate special article and setting aside \$20,000 for tar and oil would also be cut by \$4,400, Parker said.

The cuts, Parker said, would mean that only the town's main arteries would be plowed and salted in the event of a snowfall. The town's side streets would be plowed, but not salted, he said. Parker added that repairs to secondary roads would be severely curtailed.

A \$2,250 cut in the \$10,240 playground budget, Parker said, would eliminate upkeep of the South Lee playground, and limit maintenance of the Little League field to mowing of the grass. A \$6,300 cut in the \$28,800 landfill account, he said, would require a two-day cutback in the facility's operating hours.

The Airolti Building's \$17,890 budget would be reduced by

\$4,000, Parker said, closing down the building when it is not being used by the Council on Aging. A \$6,250 cut in the \$28,419 Memorial Hall budget would result in a shutdown of the building's heating system every night except Monday, when weekly meetings are scheduled, he said.

The Superintendent of Public Works' salary would be reduced by \$3,650 (from \$16,600), reflecting that official's greater working involvement with the town's water and sewer systems, Parker said. Rounding out the DPW's regular budget would be a \$1,300 cut in the \$5,995 forestry budget, he said.

New compactor

Parker noted that special articles totaling \$70,000 would be slashed by \$15,400, or 22 percent. Among the projects to be put off, he said, would be the purchase of a new compactor for the town landfill (\$45,000), the purchase of a new sidewalk plow to replace the town's jeep (\$20,000), and \$5,000 worth of sidewalk repairs.

Even with the reductions already specified, Parker said, the DPW was still about \$10,000 short of its goal of \$79,842, or a 22 percent cut in the budget.

In an earlier meeting, DeVarennes asked the town's Assessors to estimate the total cut in town revenues that the tax proposition will bring about, given the reduction of the town's property tax levy to 21 percent of its total valuation. The Assessors' estimate will be discussed at Monday's Selectmen's meeting, which will be attended by members of the Assessors, DPW, Finance Committee, School Committee, and Police Department.

Other business

In other business, the Selectmen:

— Told Kenneth C. Haskin of George Street to register an automobile parked on his property within 30 days, or remove it from his property. Haskin appeared before the board to request a 30-day permit to register the automobile.

DeVarennes said persons seeking 30-day permits for their unregistered automobiles may obtain them at the Selectmen's office.

— Ordered Michael P. Scolforo of Prospect Street to restrain his dog, which had been the cause of many recent complaints received by Dog Officer James J. Castronova Jr. DeVarennes told Scolforo that unless the dog is restrained it will be picked up by Castronova and destroyed.

— Announced that application forms for financial assistance to low-income homeowners wishing to insulate their homes are available at the town clerk's and Selectmen's offices at the Town Hall. Persons with questions about the insulation forms are directed to contact Lee Energy Commission Chairman Joanne Larmon at 243-0521.

TV show planned on Proposition 2½

LEE — The Lee public schools have announced that the Project Outreach community education series of cable television broadcasts will present a program dealing with Proposition 2½ and its possible impact on the town Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 8.

Guest speakers on the program will discuss cuts in town budgets and services that may be made if the tax referendum is passed in November.

Area Calendar

Today

Great Barrington — Meeting of Southern Berkshire Chapter No. 89 AARP. Lower level of Masonic Temple, 2. Robert Bennett will speak on the history of Japanese pottery.

Lee — Girl Scout neighborhood meeting, Lee Library, 10.

Middlefield — No Grange meeting tonight, members will attend Umpachene Grange in Mill River.

New Marlborough — Ladies Aid meeting, at the home of J.J. Poulson, Southfield, 8. Barbara Austen of Geer Memorial will speak.

Stockbridge — Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, Congregational Church, Main Street, 8:30.

Tomorrow

Great Barrington — Southern Berkshire Nurses Group meeting, Senior Center on Castle Street, 7:15.

Lenox — Alcoholics Anonymous of Southern Berkshire open meeting, Church-on-the-Hill chapel, Main Street.



REPRESENTATIVE David S. Bravo Jr. of District 2 in Lee questions the town's transfer of funds for

a youth commission at last night's special town meeting at Lee Central School.

Nathan L. Wilbur

Lee town meeting authorizes formation of youth commission

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — After a lively discussion which several times elicited bursts of applause from about 50 townspeople looking on, town meeting representatives voted last night to authorize the formation of a town youth commission and to transfer \$7,875 from available funds to hire a director to lead it.

The special town meeting, lasting approximately an hour and 15 minutes, was shortened by passing over without action two articles on the warrant dealing with the preservation and relocation of the Bradley Street School.

After the first article on the warrant, proposing the formation of a town youth commission in conformity with state regulations, was moved and seconded, one of the representatives noted that the commission would have the authority to accept gifts of money and to hire employees. To create such a commission, he said, "would be opening the door to starting a whole new town department, with all the expenses involved."

Jérôme Scully, counsel for the town, agreed that the commission, whose three to seven members would be appointed by the Selectmen, would be able to ac-

cept financial grants and would be in charge of paying its own bills. He added, however, that if the commission "accepts money on behalf of the town, the funds would be included in the town's general fund."

Moderator Joseph M. Toole then called the article to a voice vote. It passed overwhelmingly.

Money article discussed

The second article, proposing the transfer of \$13,500 from town funds to hire a director for the commission "and to provide for necessary expenses thereto," drew more determined discussion from its supporters and opponents on the floor.

David S. Bravo Jr., representative from District 2, said, "The commission is not yet appointed. Aren't we being asked to vote to appropriate money for a position that doesn't exist?"

William E. Noonan, representative from the same district, answered, "We're talking in a circle. You need the money to have the commission. I can't see passing one (article) without passing the other."

Edward F. Murray, a member of the Finance Committee, said

Lenox drug group meeting Monday

LENOX — The Drug and Alcohol Commission will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Grange Room of Town Hall.

Each commission member will give a short presentation. A question and answer period will follow.

The public is invited.

his board had not approved the article because "the track record of youth organizations in town is not good, \$13,500 is quite a lot of money to be raised at this time, and because, with Proposition 2½ underneath everything, we'd hate to see a position created and then eliminated later on."

Proposition 2½ cited

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes concurred with Murray. "We will not be able to afford this program if Proposition 2½ goes through," he said, "considering the cuts in police and health service."

District 5 Representative Michael Scolforo disagreed. Residents, he said, had tried "for 25 years" to establish a youth organization in town. "I don't think any group has done more than the LYA (Lee Youth Association). If we lose it, we'll go right back to where we were before. At least we have to give it a shot." Scolforo's remarks drew the loudest applause of the evening from the residents present.

Scolforo and District 4 Representative Joseph DuPont, however, both called for an accounting of the "necessary expenses" to be incurred by the commission under the terms of the article. District 6 Representative Francis D. Foley added that although he felt the commission "deserved a chance," he felt that the amount of money specified in the article should be modified.

Amendment proposed

Roy Martin, president of the LYA, recommended that the \$13,500 specified in the article be

amended to a sum of \$7,875 to cover the commission's expenses until June 30, 1981, the end of the 1981 fiscal year. He urged that the town support the commission, saying, "we can't go ask for grants without a commitment from the town."

"You don't ask a carpenter to do a job with only two nails," he said. "You give him the tools. What we want are the tools to do the job." The representatives approved the amendment, and then passed the amended article amid cheers and clapping from the audience.

After the meeting, Martin said the commission will "come back to the annual town meeting for the full \$13,500" for the 1982 fiscal year.

In other business, the representatives passed an article including Prospect Street in the streets to be sewered under an article passed at a former town meeting, and voted to exceed the 4 percent tax cap for the current fiscal year as a result of authorizing the \$7,875 in expenses for the commission.

Dinner to benefit New Boston church

SANDISFIELD — A baked-bean and ham supper to benefit the New Boston Congregational Church will be held Saturday at the church's parish hall with continuous serving from 5 to 7 p.m.

Donation for adults is \$3.75 and for children under 12 \$2. Tickets may be obtained, or reservations made, with Mary E. Wilber or Pastor Charles E. Knight.

Biblical lecture scheduled Monday

LENOX — "Tel Megiddo (Armageddon) — at the Crossroads of the World" will be the subject of a lecture offered in Vannah Hall at Berkshire Christian College Monday at 7:30 p.m.

It will be given by Oral Collins, professor of biblical stud-

Lee church plans



Nathan L. Wilbur

BRADLEY BUNCH spokesman Daniel R. Sullivan, center, presents details of his group's plan to relocate the Bradley Street School to Lee Selectman Maria D. Bettega, left. Another buyer of the school, auctioneer Louis E. Caropreso of High Street, is at right.

'Bradley Bunch' steps in, saves school from wrecker

LEE — The Selectmen agreed last night to transfer ownership of the Bradley Street School from the town to the "Bradley Bunch," a group of 10 buyers who will temporarily relocate the building on a lot between the Barritt Oil Co. and the Dresser Hull Co. on Railroad Street.

Daniel R. Sullivan, chairman of the Lee Historical Society, said the intention of the group was to move the school from its location on Bradley Street "and store it on private property" until a permanent site for the

school.

Sullivan told the board that Lee Savings Bank had pledged to provide the buyers with a \$6,000 loan to finance the moving of the school building by Cross-Country House Movers of Colonie, N.Y. He said he did not feel at liberty to disclose the names of the buyers at this time.

The building, Sullivan said, will be moved six weeks after the buyers give notice of their intentions to the New England Telephone Co. The six-week no-

they will be able to keep the school mounted on his company's equipment until they find a permanent site for the building. "This will save us the problem of setting it up on concrete blocks," Sullivan said.

The group's long-range plan for the building, he said, is to establish "a museum centrally located in town, like the Mission House in Stockbridge, for the paper and lime mills here." The museum would charge an admission fee to visitors and be self-supporting, he added.

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Lee gets historic survey grant

LEE — The Citizens Advisory Council has been awarded a \$3,000 matching grant by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) to conduct a historic site survey of town buildings.

Council president Marilyn Sullivan said she received notification of the grant last Saturday in a letter from MHC Chairman and Massachusetts Secretary of State Michael J. Connolly.

In his letter, Connolly said that following approval of the grant award by the National Park Service, MHC would draw up a contract with the council by mid-August.

On June 23, the council hired Robert B. Macintosh, a Lee landscaping design consultant, to conduct an initial site survey of Main, Railroad and School streets. According to

Macintosh, that \$1,000 study is intended to record — through photographs, documents and records — all historically important buildings on these streets.

The \$3,000 received from MHC will be matched by \$3,000 from the

\$363,000 HUD Small Cities grant awarded to the town last year for its housing rehabilitation project, Mrs. Sullivan said. Macintosh's study is also being funded from the HUD grant.

Long-range goal of the survey, Macintosh said, is to enable the town to apply for listing of the buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. This designation, he said, would make property owners eligible for a 25 percent tax credit on renovations to buildings used for commercial purposes.

Ex-Hollywood cameraman started out in rags in Lee

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — For thousands of visitors to the Berkshires, Lee is simply the first town they encounter after getting off the Massachusetts Turnpike. But for Charles Termini, a retired Hollywood cameraman living in Sherman Oaks, Calif., Lee represents a good deal more.

On a recent visit here, Termini sat at a table in Joe's Diner sipping a bowl of minestrone and smiling at the lunch-hour crowd filling the restaurant. "I come back here every chance I get," he said. "This is my hometown, and I just love it here."

Born in Sicily in 1909, Termini emigrated with his family to Lee in 1917. His father took a job with the former Eaton-Dikeman Paper Co. on Railroad Street. Termini attended classes at the Lee schools.

He had just entered high school when financial pressures on his family forced Termini to get a job. "We had a big family, with seven kids, and I had to go to work to help support them," he said.

Began work at 16

At the age of 16 Termini went to work in a "rag room" at the Eaton plant, cleaning and separating rags for paper. "It was dirty and dusty and I hated it," he said.

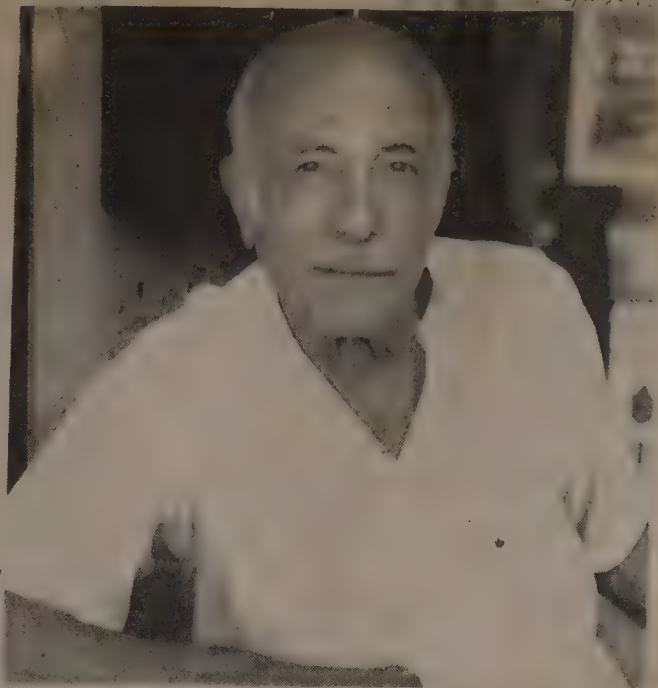
Looking through a copy of Popular Mechanics, Termini saw an advertisement for a correspondence course for persons interested in becoming movie cameramen. He sent away for the course, and six months later, in 1926, he left Lee to attend a cameraman's training school run by Paramount Pictures in Astoria, L.I.

In his four-year stint at the school, Termini learned how to develop and process film. In 1930 he took a job with National Screen Service in Dallas, Texas, as a commercial cameraman, shooting movie theater commercials for Coca-Cola and Dr. Pepper.

Termini returned to Lee in 1934 to marry Gladys Messina, "my childhood sweetheart." He noted with a smile that although he left town to pursue his cameraman's career, he "never forgot her."

From 1942 to 1957 Termini worked as a camera technician in Hollywood, Calif., for Technicolor, which rented its three-strip color cameras to major Hollywood studios. Termini loaded and focused the cameras, which were then operated by cameramen employed by the studios.

The development in 1957 by Eastman-Kodak of Rochester,



Charles Termini
'I just love it here'

Nathan L. Wilbur

N.Y., of a single-strip color negative incorporating all three primary colors put Technicolor out of the camera business, Termini said, although the company continued the film processing end of its operation.

He went to work, he said, as a first assistant cameraman for "all the major studios," including Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount, 20th Century Fox and Universal. He continued to shoot pictures until his retirement in 1975.

'Beautiful career'

"I had a beautiful career," Termini said, "I worked with every professional camera ever built."

Termini said his shooting assignments took him to all 50 states and on location around the world. Among the films he worked on were 'The Yearling' with Gregory Peck, filmed in Florida; 'The Caine Mutiny' with Humphrey Bogart, in Hawaii; 'Sayonara' with Marlon Brando, in Japan; 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' with Max Von

Sydow, in Utah; and 'Mutiny on the Bounty' with Brando again, in Tahiti.

Of all these places, Tahiti "was the closest thing to Lee, with its green hills, wooded areas and brooks," Termini said.

It's no accident that Termini likes to spend time at Joe's Diner when he comes to Lee.

Santa Sorrentino, mother of Joseph F. Sorrentino, proprietor of the eatery on Center Street, and Termini's wife are sisters, and he knows all the members of Joe Sorrentino's family and the people who work at the diner by name. Termini also visits with his wife's other sister, Mrs. Mary Marchino of High Street, and a niece, Mrs. Janice Holmes of East Center Street, when in town.

The ties that bind Termini to this town are even more basic, however, than his family connections. For him, Lee contains "the happiest days of my boyhood, clean air, and friendly people. It's the place that I feel at home in."

Building can be found.

The group's action was prompted by the Selectmen's decision last week to order the Department of Public Works to tear down the school after the Historical Society failed after nearly three months of investigation to come up with a plan to relocate and renovate the

company to inform its customers of an interruption in service. The cost of taking down and restringing the telephone lines, he added, will be paid by the telephone company.

Sullivan said Leonard Spector, president of Cross-Country House Movers, told the buyers

Sullivan noted that no town tax funds will be spent in the relocation and renovation of the building. The buyers, under their nickname of the "Bradley Bunch," will launch a fund drive to raise money for the project, he said.

"If the town can raise \$34,000 for the church steeple, we can raise a few thousand for the school," said Richard Shields of Academy Street, one of the buyers.

"I'm not unhappy about seeing the school moved," Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said. "It sounds like you've done a fine job, and that's all we've been asking all along."

DeVarennes said Town Counsel Jerome Scully will draft a written agreement transferring ownership of the building to the buyers "in anticipation that it be moved as soon as possible."

Construction of a playground on the site, voted at last year's annual town meeting, will not begin until next spring, DeVarennes said. "I'm not hung up if you don't move it in six weeks," he said, but added that the school's relocation must not delay the building of the playground.

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CHAMPION of the Lee Girls Community Softball League is the Kiwanis team, which posted a season record of 9-2. In the top row, from left, are coach Judy Brittain (standing), Carrie Keenan, Lisa DuPont, Mary Scully, Chris Doby, Chris Curtin and coach Patricia DuPont. In the bottom row, from left, are Missy Croze, Judy Zannelli (sitting), Mary Consolati, Rhonda Croze, Jennifer Hunt, Diane Fraser (sitting) and Andrea Larmon. Players Kathy Miskinis, Jennifer Grady and Chris Scolforo and manager Mrs. Chris Curtin are not pictured.

Local comment invited Oct. 15 at public hearing in library

LEE — Barring unforeseen complications, Lee will receive its first supplies of water from the Washington Mountain Brook project in the spring of 1984, federal and local officials said Monday.

The June 1980 draft environmental impact statement on the project will be discussed at a public hearing Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Lee Library. A copy of the report, released Sept. 12 by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS), is available for examination at the Lee Selectmen's office and at the SCS office at 78 Center St., Pittsfield. The hearing, intended to give residents a chance to make suggestions for improvement of the project, is part of a complex process of review to be carried out by state and federal agencies over the next six months.

State approval expected

Philip Christenson of the SCS office in Amherst, said suggestions voiced by residents at the hearing, and comments from the project's sponsors, will be submitted to John Bewick, state secretary of Environmental Affairs. The period for public review of the impact statement will end Oct. 27, Christenson said.

Bewick will then have a week to determine if the draft impact statement meets the requirements of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act. Christenson said the secretary approved a prior draft statement on the project in September 1978, and added that he expected the latest draft impact statement to be approved as well. Bewick could not be reached for comment.

If the draft impact statement is approved by Bewick, Christenson said, the SCS will incorporate the comments and suggestions made during the current review period into a final environmental impact statement, which will then be submitted to sponsoring agencies for approval.

Christenson said the final environmental impact statement may be completed and released by March 1981. A 30-day waiting period will follow its release, after which construction contracts will be put out to bid for the project, he said.

Construction in a year?

Lee Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo said construction of the October Mountain Lake impoundment may begin by the fall of 1981. After the lake's dams are built and the impound-



Photos by Nathan L. Wilbur

SPILLWAY INTAKE in Washington Mountain Lake's main dam is embedded in the rock riprap binding the dam's inner wall. The stream feeding the impoundment, and the lake's 224-acre bed, are seen in the distance.

ment is filled, its bottom must be allowed to stabilize before water can be drawn from it, he said.

Scolforo estimated that this "bottoming out" of October Mountain Lake will not be complete before the spring of 1984. At that time, he said, the lake's water will be tested to ascertain what treatment is

necessary before it can be used by the town.

Scolforo added that construction of Schoolhouse Lake would begin in the fall of 1982, a year later than October Mountain Lake. Water supplies from Schoolhouse Lake, he said, would become available in the spring of 1985.

New report brings three lakes closer to 1

Washington Mountain Brook project may yield drinking w

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Standing atop the 36-foot earthen dam of Washington Mountain Lake, it's hard to imagine the 224 acres of land contained within its boundaries supplanted by a body of water.

For the federal, state and local agencies that have strived for nearly 20 years to make it a reality, the Washington Mountain Brook project has required an even greater act of faith. Their perseverance may be rewarded, however, with almost 2 million gallons of water a day for the residents of Lee and Lenox.

The promise of additional water supplies for the two towns is the item of primary importance in a draft environmental impact statement on the project released Sept. 12 by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS). The updated plan for the project, as set forth in the statement, will be presented by SCS officials to residents at an Oct. 15 public meeting at the Lee Library.

After many years of planning, the project was authorized in 1969 by the SCS, the state Water Resources Commission and Department of Environmental Management, the Berkshire Conservation District and the town of Lee. The project was amended by the sponsoring agencies in 1969, 1971, 1973 and 1980.

This year's changes vital

The creation of new water supplies for Lee hinges upon 1980 amendments to the \$3.45 million project reflecting changes in the multiple uses specified for two of the project's three impoundments.

The SCS's July 1978 draft environmental report, which preceded the statement just released, stated that Washington Mountain and Schoolhouse lakes would be used for flood control and recreation. The third impoundment, October Mountain Lake, would be used for flood control and water supply.

By contrast, the 1980 impact statement defines the purposes of Schoolhouse Lake as flood control and water supply, and those of October Mountain Lake as flood control and recreation. Only Washington Mountain Lake's original purposes of flood control and recreation remain unchanged.

The change of use for Schoolhouse Lake from recreation to water supply will result in the town's being provided with a water source of 1.95 million gallons per day. Although October Mountain Lake's designated use was changed from water supply to recreation, the plan will allow the town to draw upon the lake's water reserves when Lee's needs expand beyond the capacity of Schoolhouse Lake.

Under the terms of the plan, the town will be allowed to tap October Mountain Lake's water supplies from December through April. During the remaining seven months the lake will revert to its recreational use, fishing.

Ultimately, with the growth of its water demands, the town will be permitted to draw up to a maximum of 500,000 gallons of water per day from the lake the year-

round, with the remaining water in the impoundment to be reserved for maintaining populations of fish for anglers.

40 years from now

The impact statement projects that Lee's water needs in the year 2020 (beyond the 750,000-gallon daily safe yield of its present reservoir) will be 1.7 million gallons a day. By 2020, the statement projects, Lenox will require 750,000 gallons a day, in addition to the 700,000-gallon daily safe yield of its reservoir. Lee and Lenox's current peak daily consumption of water is estimated at 1.25 million gallons and 900,000 gallons respectively, well above the safe yields of their two reservoirs.

With the conversion of Schoolhouse Lake from recreation to water supply,

and the contingency use of October Mountain Lake for water supply when needed, Lee and Lenox are guaranteed a source of water large enough to satisfy their combined water needs for the future.

The complexity of the watershed plan is demonstrated by the way in which its five projects will be funded.

The 224-acre Washington Mountain Lake, whose dam was built in 1973, will be filled with water following the relocation of a 3,100-foot underground telephone cable owned by American Telephone and Telegraph Co. The relocation is required in order to remove a spliced section of the cable from the area to be covered by the lake. The WRC will pay the \$200,000 relocation cost.

The 90-acre October Mountain and 39-

acre Schoolhouse lakes will be created by the construction of 36- and 63-foot-high dams of compacted earth. Each of the dams will be equipped with principal and emergency spillways, and will be protected from erosion by rock riprap or vegetation. An additional dike will be built upstream from the October Mountain impoundment to enclose its lake area, and a waterway will be installed upstream of the dike to prevent excessive backwater flooding.

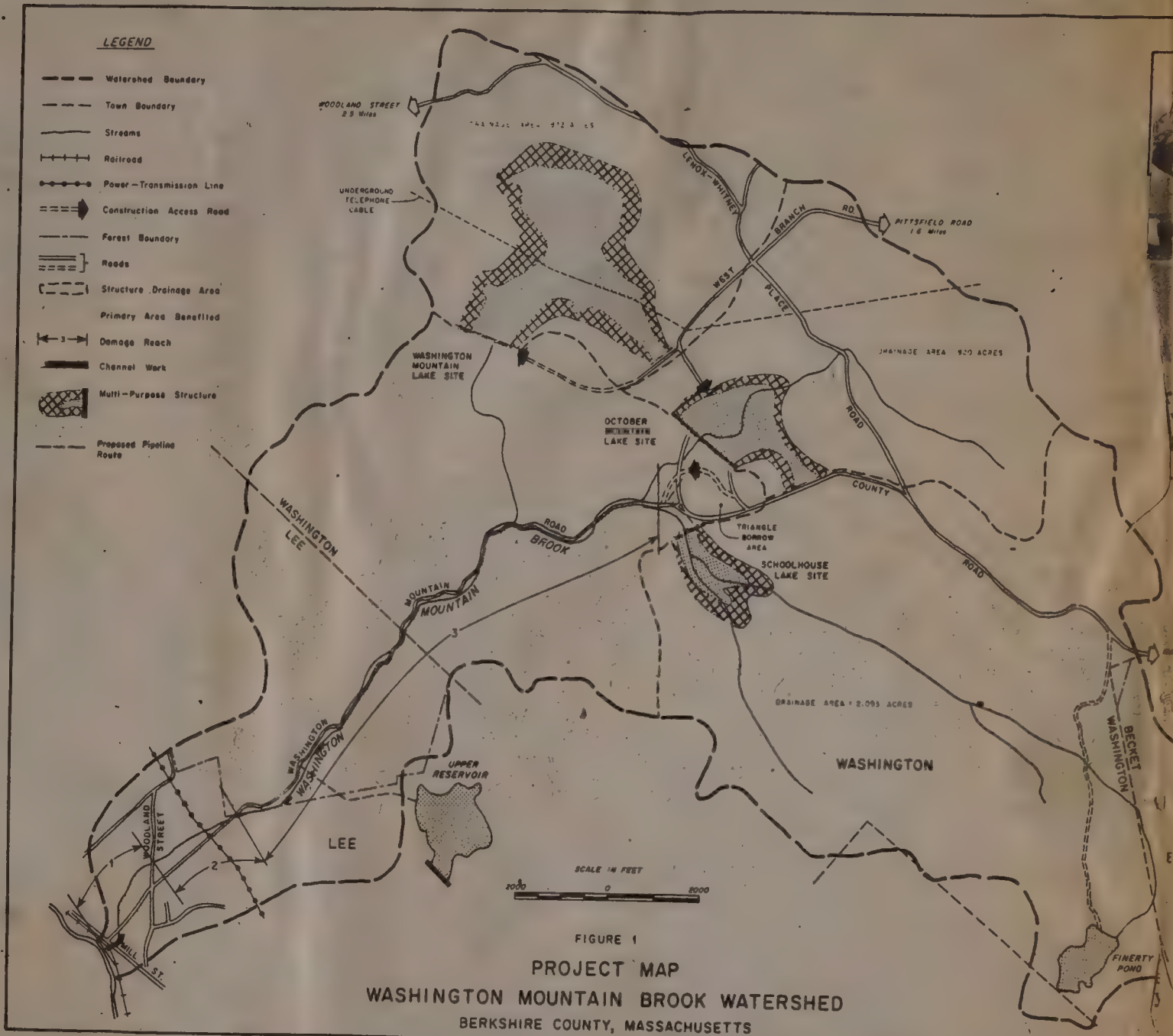
The state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will stock October Mountain Lake's open water with cold-water species of fish, and maintain a self-sustaining warm-water fishery there. No other recreational uses of the lake besides fishing will be allowed. (There is no direct statement in the report as to what kind of

boats, if any, will be

three planned lakes. The WRC and SCS October Mountain and \$321,900 respectively pay \$493,000 to Lee with Lee putting

The installation from the two impoundments. Upper Reservoir be paid for by Lee.

The town will install 16-inch pipeline components to the reservoir intake at Schoolhouse cost of \$667,000. The to provide a chlorination and shelter Mountain Lake.



PROJECT MAP of the Washington Mountain Brook watershed designates the project's three impoundments.

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Lee school board member seeks action on property acquisition

LEE — School Committee member William F. Tyler appeared before the Selectmen Monday to ask if the town is taking steps to purchase the Methodist Church and parsonage on High Street.

Tyler reminded the board that representatives from the church came before the Selectmen and the Lee School Committee last summer to announce that a one-acre plot containing the church and parsonage was on the market. The asking price for the entire property, he said, was \$65,000.

Tyler said Selectman Maria D. Bettega, then Selectmen Chairman, represented the board at the July 17, 1979 meeting of the School Committee. Mrs. Bet-

tega, he said, told the church's representatives that the town would be interested in purchasing the property for use as a playground, but not as a parking lot for the adjoining Lee Central School.

No space

Tyler said that since the addition of a new wing to the Lee Central School in 1978, the school has had no space to spare for future expansion or construction of a playground for its students.

"We (the School Committee) have been interested for years in (acquiring) additional land around the school," Tyler said.

Planning Board Chairman James L. Burns, who was pre-

sent at Monday's meeting, told Tyler that the church had been temporarily taken off the market because its owners "weren't sure of its evaluation," and were considering tearing the building down and selling its pews, bells and other fittings piecemeal.

Burns added that there were 17,000 square feet of land at the rear of the two buildings which could provide additional parking for the school.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said the town could vote whether to purchase the church's property at a special town meeting. He suggested that members of the School Committee attend the June 23 meeting of the Selectmen to discuss that possibility.

Lee board to approve dates for flea market

LEE — The Selectmen granted permission Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lombardi of East Street to hold two flea markets this summer in a vacant lot behind the Marie's of Lee refreshment stand on Housatonic Street. Dates for the activity are subject to the board's approval.

The Lombardis, owners of the business, came before the board to appeal its decision last week not to permit the flea markets on their property.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes, at the June 2 meeting of the board, said the town had been advised by Town Counsel Jerome Scully that flea market permits required "three times more parking" than that available in the Marie's of Lee parking lot to handle the increased traffic.

Lombardi disagreed with Scully's ruling, saying that the vacant lot behind his business was "almost two acres" in size. He added that when the grass in the vacant lot is mown "we'll have twice as much parking as Friendly's."

DeVarennes said the town could not grant flea market permits on Sundays, and warned of the problem of traffic congestion on Housatonic Street during peak summer weekends. He recommended that the Lombardis consult with acting Police Chief Edward Finnegan in fixing dates for their flea markets.

The Lombardis could not hold flea markets "every week," DeVarennes said, "because the other businesses in town have to be protected."

Selectman William M. Murphy said, "If you get the traffic

worked out, then I'm in favor of it." Selectman Maria D. Bettega added, "It's time we gave this town a shot in the arm."

Lombardi said he hoped the flea markets would attract shoppers from surrounding towns and from New York state. "It'll help our business and others in town," he said.

Expansion planned

In a related matter, Lombardi said he was considering expanding his refreshment stand when repairs to its roof are carried out.

Planning Board Chairman James L. Burns reminded Lombardi that the sign atop the roof of the stand has been in violation of the town's sign bylaws since the Lombardis bought the business three years ago.

Lombardi said his business had a valid building permit, and added that he intended to comply with the sign bylaw when he carried out repairs on the building.

Copies available of Lee budget

LEE — The Selectmen announced yesterday that a summary of the town budget, as voted in specific articles at the May 10 annual town meeting, is available to residents at the office of the Town Clerk.

The office is open from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 Mondays through Fridays.

Selectmen's secretary Pauline Pollard said compilation of the budget summary was a necessary step in making the town eligible for federal revenue-sharing funds.

Barking dogs

In other action, Dog Officer James J. Castronova Jr. told the Selectmen that he had been out "the last four nights" trying to check on barking dogs that had prompted complaints from residents.

Castronova said the barking dogs had been attracted to houses where dogs in heat had been confined by their owners. He said he had tried to catch the barking dogs with no success. "By the time I get home, they're back again," he said.

"I don't think you should be running around all night trying to catch dogs," DeVarennes said. He told Castronova that after 10 p.m., the barking became a "disturbing the peace matter."

DeVarennes added that residents wishing to lodge complaints against violations of the town's leash law should submit their complaints in writing to the Selectmen.

In other business, the Selectmen read a letter from Frank J. Kelly, chairman of the town's bicentennial committee, who reported that \$4,900 remained in the bicentennial fund.

The Selectmen voted to transfer \$200 from the bicentennial fund to the town's historical fund, and return the rest of the surplus monies to the town's available cash account.

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Nathan L. Wilbur

PARTICIPANTS in the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative's maintenance and graphic arts programs are shown in the maintenance shop of the newly renovated schoolhouse in South Lee. At rear, from left, are Scott Bertelli, Matt Curtin, Jim Sali, Mike Tuttle, Mike Bachetti and David Guidi. In front,

from left, are Sean Fitzgerald, Brian White, Danny Rawson and Barron Kern. Students contributing to the building's renovation but not pictured are Dennis Gibbs, Warren Iacobacci, Scott Losaw, Richard Whitcomb and Paul Ward.

Vocational students renovate school

LEE — Officials of the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative took town and school officials on a tour of the former South Lee elementary school Thursday to mark the completion of an eight-week renovation of the building by 12 vocational students and their instructors.

Executive Director Edward Maurer, and Thomas A. Teggi, chairman of the collaborative's board of directors, toured the building with Selectmen John E. DeVarennes and William M. Murphy, Lee High School Principal Robert Lucy, Lee Central School Principal Raymond Kavey, and School Committee member Henry Greiner.

Maurer explained that the collaborative, which sponsors vocational education programs for students in the Lee and Lenox school systems and the Southern Berkshire and Berkshire Hills Regional School Districts, ob-

tained permission from the Selectmen four years ago to house its maintenance and graphic arts programs in the three-room schoolhouse next to the South Lee fire station. Maurer said the collaborative pays \$1 each year to rent the building from the town.

Cost \$14,330

Maurer said the renovations were funded under the CETA program, which provided a total

of \$14,330 for the project. Individual costs for the project were \$600 for administrative expenses, \$5,730 for staff salaries, \$3,000 for instructional supplies and \$5,000 for student salaries.

The students, Maurer said, painted the exterior of the building and part of the interior, insulated the attic, installed a darkroom, subdivided a room to provide more working space for both programs, lowered a ceiling in a study room, modified the building's bathrooms to provide access to handicapped students, installed a plexiglass window in the wall of a painting workshop to allow visual supervision by instructors, and made cosmetic renovations to the interior to create a more "conducive learning environment."

Teggi thanked the Selectmen for the use of the building over the past four years. For their part, Murphy and DeVarennes praised the progress shown by the collaborative in developing its vocational programs, and the efforts of the students involved in the renovation work.

"It's great to recognize the students' abilities and what they can show," Murphy said.

Instructor Robert Green of Falls Village, Conn. described the performance of the students in the project as "phenomenal."

"It was a different kind of relationship than in school," Green said. "We turned from teachers into employers, and the students into employees. The kids are beginners in the labor market, and they put in a hard day's work."

Another instructor, Robert A. Walsh of South Lee, said the students averaged between 25 and 30 hours worked per week, at the minimum wage of \$3.10 an hour. The project, he said, "allowed them to find out how employable they are attitudinally."



LEE RESIDENTS Marjorie and H. George Wilde receive plaque from Willis H. Hayes, right, president of Eastern States Exposition. Looking on is James Cavanaugh of American Jersey Cattle Club. Wildes operate High Lawn Farm in Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge. They received Agricultural Adventurers Award.

Area residents cited at exposition

WEST SPRINGFIELD — This year's Eastern States Exposition, which boasted a record attendance total of 1,095,002, involved several Berkshire residents. The annual Agricultural Adventurers Award was presented to Col. and Mrs. George Wilde of High Lawn Farm at the Eastern States Exposition's Trustee's Luncheon held at the Marriot Hotel in Springfield. The award was established in 1953 as a means of citing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to New England agriculture. The New England Fellowship of Agricultural Adventurers is sponsored

by the exposition and selects fellows each year through an Eastern States Exposition appointed committee. David M. Viner of 183 Montgomery Ave., Pittsfield was awarded the prize for reserve grand champion in the exposition's 4-H sheep show held last Sunday.

The fair, which closed Sunday, provided work for 1,500 people according to Big E officials. In addition, another 1,000 workers were employed by more than 500 private concessions and exhibits. During the two week run, hotel reservations in the area soared to 90 percent occupancy.

Officials of the exposition, a non-profit organization, estimate fair returns to be in excess of \$10 million.

Mr. and Mrs. Andre Ouellette of North Adams, who are regular visitors to the fair, said that it was one of the high points of their year.

"We've come here for years," said the couple. "When we miss a year, we feel we've cheated ourselves."

Feb. 27, 1980



CARDBOARD CHEVY is learning device for students in the Lee school system's pilot program for talented and gifted kindergarten students. From left to

right, in front seat are Heather Stanard and Amanda Lahey; back seat, Naomi Petell and Cathleen Cinella. Standing in rumble seat is Lisa Jahn.

John S. Egan

Three

Nettletons find new active life

This was sent to me the past year. I wonder if you have seen it?

Do you ever get to Oneonta?

When Leon Nettleton was looking for a place in which to live in retirement, he decided one thing: the area must have a band in which he could play.

He and his wife Edith were vacationing in Florida when someone suggested Delhi. They contacted real estate agents in the area, who had many houses to offer in Oneonta, few in Delhi. The house at 3 East End Avenue, Oneonta, was just what they were looking for.

There was an Episcopal Church nearby. The city had a good library and many opportunities for music, and it was a college town.

The Nettletons moved to Oneonta in August 1973. Though he has not yet had time to play in a band, he calls it "the happiest place we have ever lived."

He adds, "We have wonderful neighbors."

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The Nettletons grew up in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He worked eight years as a reporter on the weekly newspaper in his home town, Lee, Mass., before entering Hobart College in Geneva. He also worked on a daily newspaper while he was in college.

Jobs were scarce when he entered the education field in 1935. The crucial factor in the offer of his first contract was his experience as a Boy Scout leader, Nettleton said. The board of education sponsored a troop and needed a leader. He was hired for the teaching job at a salary of \$1,000 a year. Two boys in the troop attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the organization's highest.

Nettleton played alto horns in parades for many years, once marching between two of his students. Since retirement, he has been taking flute and organ lessons. He also plays piano in the Fox Hospital nursing home occasionally.

Before moving to Oneonta he was a Donovan scholar for three semesters at the University of Kentucky. The Council on Aging sponsors the program in which people 65 and older can study at the college at no tuition expense, either for

credit or as an auditor. The person does have to pay for their own room and board and other expenses. Mrs. Nettleton also took college courses there, but since she was not yet 65, they had to pay her tuition.

They have also taken advantage of the courses offered to senior citizens by Hartwick College in Oneonta.

St. James Episcopal Church has been the center of many of their activities in Oneonta. He sings in the choir. She is a lay reader, having a license issued by the Bishop. He also leads a Bible group.

They deliver Meals on Wheels and she sews with the Church Women United group on Wednesdays.

Both the Nettletons like to walk and spend much time hiking and also canoeing. They are active in the Delaware Otsego Audubon Society. Mr. Nettleton is also a member of the Catskill Astronomical Club.

They are active members of the Upper Susquehanna Historical Society and took the summer history course tour to upper New York State conducted by Hartwick College. This summer they plan to join the tour to the Civil War South.

The Nettletons have also assisted in fund drives for the Cancer Society, the Heart Association and others.

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Thank you for your support,
The Lee Volunteer Ambulance Squad

A history of the number of responses by
The Lee Ambulance over the years is as
follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u># OF RESPONSES</u>
1968	144
1969	157
1970	184
1971	186
1972	212
1973	195
1974	211
1975	215
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1977	257
1978	317
1979	412
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1982	422
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ORGANIZATION

The Town of Lee Ambulance Service is a municipally operated department of the town. The Town of Lee owns and operates the ambulance, collects all fees for patient care, and charges the surrounding Towns of Stockbridge and Tyringham for the availability of service.

The Town provides the minimum equipment and training as required by State regulations.

The Lee Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization comprising the membership who provide the manpower to staff the Town's Ambulance.

The squad was formed in 1977. One of its primary objectives was to improve on the training and equipment necessary for pre-hospital patient care. This objective has proven invaluable, in light of municipal budget constraints and the effects of proposition 2½.

Since its beginning, the squad, through its raffles, bequests and other fund raising efforts, has provided countless hours of

basic and advanced training in patient care. In addition, specialized equipment such as radios, extrication devices, splinting equipment and anti-shock suits have been provided by the squad.

In addition to staffing the Town's Ambulance, squad members provide first aid coverage for numerous area functions such as the sale-a-bration, road races, sporting events, etc.

The squad also provides free C.P.R. courses several times per year for the public in our communities.

FUNCTION

The primary function of the Ambulance squad is to provide 24 hour a day emergency ambulance service for the pre-hospital care of the sick and injured.

COVERAGE AREAS

The Ambulance squad provides coverage to the Towns of Lee, Stockbridge, Tyringham, and a 20 mile stretch of the Massachusetts Turnpike. In addition the squad has reciprocal mutual aid agreements with Lenox, Richmond, and Becket.

MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING

Present membership consists of 26 members, all unpaid volunteers. Once accepted as a probationary member, each person must complete a rigorous, state mandated, 110 hour Emergency Medical Technician's course, consisting of various lectures, and hands on training. Once an EMT, a member must spend an average of 3 hours per month in various courses in order to be re-certified as an EMT.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

For more information on The Lee Volunteer Ambulance Squad, you may call 243-2100 or write LVAS, P.O. Box 26, Lee, MA 01238.

Additional members are always needed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Throughout the years, the number of ambulance calls made has increased dramatically. One reason for the continued increase of calls is the acceptance and recognition of pre-hospital care. Statistics throughout the years have proven that the sooner an individual receives trained competent pre-hospital care the quicker and more effective the recovery period.

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Randy C. Banner

FROM HER MOUND of topsoil, Marshmallow oversees the comings and goings in Lenox. Owned by the Tondels of O'Brien Florist, the pet goat is a well-known member of the community.

Marshmallow, a pet goat, becomes another tourist attraction in Lenox

By Randy Banner

LENOX — When the luminaries of Tanglewood come out for the summer, so does Marshmallow. Marshmallow is the 3-year-old pet goat of Phoebe and Mark Tondel, owners of O'Brien Florist on West Street. Throughout the mild-weathered seasons, she sits on her mound of topsoil, royally appraising the realm which surrounds her.

Since the Tondels got her almost three years ago, she has become a town celebrity. Many who drive past O'Brien's do not expect to see a goat perusing the doings of a state route and are struck by her unlikely presence.

"There are people who come here just to see her sit," said Phoebe Tondel, a native of Chicago who moved to Lenox 10 years ago with her husband Mark and son Tim. "Once a man came here because his son's life had been saved by drinking goat's milk. He had such great affection for these animals he said that he just had to come and see her."

The Tondels love of goats was first nurtured in 1970 when their son, who was only a year old, became a favorite of Etta Burke, now a resident of Lee. Mrs. Burke gave the family two goats, Spanky

and Sparky. Since then, the family has not been able to escape the allure of these animals, which, according to Phoebe, eventually gets to the heart of anyone who comes in contact with them.

Once, when power lines were being repaired on West Street, Phoebe noticed a sudden absence of electrical workers at midday. Looking around her property, she found that the workers were sharing their lunches with Marshmallow. Another time, according to local sources, a major car collision nearly occurred on West Street when three drivers in a row turned their heads to stare at the goat.

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Marshmallow acquired her "throne" when the Tondels renovated their property last year. Taking a proprietary interest in the mound, she made it her new home. When the family saw how attached she had grown to the spot, they "just couldn't take it away from her."

Goats, contrary to popular belief, have sensitive stomachs and cannot eat objects such as tin cans, aluminum siding and other such delicacies. They are also especially susceptible to respiratory ailments, particularly pneumonia. Foods

such as clovers and special kinds of grasses that they eat during the summer are often changed chemically with the coming of lower temperatures and in some cases become poisonous.

Their emotional sensitivities are equally acute. When Marshmallow's friend, Coco, died a year and a half ago, Phoebe had to sing to her. This period of mourning, throughout which the goat "bahed" continuously, lasted for more than a week.

"When a goat is sick, it will never let you know," Phoebe remarked. The only time it will make its pain known is when you de-horn it, which is like removing all of someone's sinuses. It gets terrible headaches. When we de-horned a goat we used to have, my cat had to keep it company the whole day on the porch while I sang to it."

Seeing her as more than pet, the Tondels, who also have two rabbits, two guinea pigs, two birds, three cats and "numerous fish," love their queen of the mound.

"You get attached to a goat," chuckled Phoebe Tondel. "There is such loyalty and kindness within them. They are truly creatures unto themselves."



FOXHOLLOW OWNER Philip M. Manger (right) and administrator Jeanne K. Nushy greet arriving guests at the opening yesterday of the Center's first complex of four time-shared hotel suites.

First of 64 luxury vacation suites opened at Foxhollow Center in Lee

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The first building, containing four luxury hotel-style suites, in the Center at Foxhollow's planned 64-unit, time-shared vacation resort off Route 7, was opened to the public yesterday.

Jeanne K. Nushy, an administrator for the development, said equipping and furnishing of two of the two-bedroom suites continued until just before the arrival yesterday of people renting them. Interior decoration of the building's other two one-bedroom suites will be completed Friday, she said.

Ms. Nushy said the marketing response for the building's luxury suites, which may be leased for any number of week-long intervals, has been "tremendous."

"We've sold 80 percent of the time intervals for the rooms in this building with 35-year leases," she said. She added that 30 percent of the time intervals for a second planned four-unit building had already been sold.

Ms. Nushy said the second building, identical to the first and adjoining it next to a stone-lined pond on the 235-acre Foxhollow property, will be opened May 1. Construction of a third building, she said, will be completed in August.

Under the terms of the resort's time-sharing contract, guests may lease one of the suites for a given week in the year over a 35-year period for a flat rate of "\$3,000 to \$11,800, depending on the season and the size of the unit," Ms. Nushy said.

Guests holding such a lease, she said, may rent the suite during their week of occupancy to another renter, sell it, will it, or exchange it for a comparable suite at any of more than 350 time-shared resorts around the world associated with Interval International, a time-sharing company based in Miami, Fla.

Philip M. Manger, co-owner of the development, said he was investigating the possibility of offering 99-year leases for one-week intervals to guests for the same rates currently charged for 35-year leases.

Asked why, he said, "It'll make them easier to sell. If you give people more for their money, they're more apt to buy."

A tour of one of the suites revealed that it had been completely furnished and supplied with linens, cutlery and corkscrews. "The only thing we don't supply is the clothes on their backs," Manger said.

The suites are equipped with

skylights, corner fireplaces, color televisions, stereo systems, and jacuzzis and windows overlooking the pond and a wooded landscape.

To complement the suites' creature comforts, Manger said he and co-owner Donald I. Altshuler hope to build an addition onto the Center's main building this fall which will house an indoor swimming pool, sauna, tennis courts and health club.

"I feel very optimistic about the whole thing," Manger said.

Library announces cut in summer hours open

The Berkshire Athenaeum has announced its schedule of summer hours, considerably abbreviated from last year's because of budget constraints.

The hours, to go into effect June 23, are as follows: Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Last summer, the library was open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We shaved the hour off the morning," said assistant librarian Larry C. Price, adding that evening hours were adjusted to include times of greatest projected use. Few cultural events are scheduled for Mondays, he said, and Thursdays see many people downtown for late shopping.

The new hours "shouldn't seriously jeopardize the public's use of the library," Price said,

adding that the later 10 a.m. opening time will probably continue throughout the winter.

The cutbacks were dictated by a total budget which shrunk to \$528,619 from last year's \$543,040.

Should the City Council fail to adopt a budget, the library would be better off under the 1.12 of a year month by month arrangement which would prevail, Price said.

The library's original budget request was within the 4 percent tax cap guideline, Price said. That figure was cut by 12 percent, leaving the current budget about 8 percent below last year.

The biggest impact is on personnel, for which about \$430,000 is budgeted, down from \$458,000 this year. "We didn't want to eliminate any services, and we didn't want to lay off anybody, so we reduced the hours of part-time employees," Price said.

The library will provide "the same general level of services," he said, adding that it continues to meet state standards for its population area.

Lee to close landfill on Wednesdays

LEE — The town landfill on Woodland Road will be shut down on Wednesdays due to cutbacks in service prompted by Proposition 2½, Superintendent of Public Works J. Peter Scolforo said Thursday.

Scolforo said the cutback in the landfill's operating hours was necessitated by a shortfall in automobile excise taxes to be received by the town during the remainder of the 1981 fiscal year. "We needed to make a 5 percent, \$1,400 reduction in our budget, so we cut back on Wednesdays," he said.

The landfill will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 to 4, and Saturday from 8 to 1. The new hours, Scolforo said, became effective Monday.

Lee bank reports probe of shortfall

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Richard E. Sitzer, president of Lee Savings Bank on Park Street, said yesterday that a "discrepancy" in the bank's accounts has been discovered and is being investigated by the bank's auditors and state and federal officials.

Sitzer would not disclose the amount of money discovered to be missing from the bank's records. He stated, however, that "the discrepancy does not involve depositor accounts and there is no depositor exposure to loss."

The investigation, Sitzer said, is being carried out by representatives from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Massachusetts Savings Central Fund in conjunction with the bank's auditors. He said he expected the investigation to be completed, and the results made public, in about two weeks.

Sitzer said Nelson W. Sparks of West Dale Road in Stockbridge, a treasurer at the bank, left the bank's employ April 13. Sitzer, however, refused to comment upon the possibility of Sparks having been involved in the matter.

Contacted yesterday at his Boston office, state Deputy Banking Commissioner Paul E. Bulman said he had been informed by Lee Savings Bank officials of a "shortage" in the bank's accounts.

"It was reported to them, and they looked into it," he said. Asked if he expected criminal charges to be filed as a result of the investigation, Bulman said, "I'm sure there will be."

Bulman said Lee Savings had given him the names of several suspects in the case, but declined to identify them. "I'm not going to comment on that until the investigation's over," he said.

Attempts by The Eagle to contact Sparks at his residence were unsuccessful.



Nathan L. Wilbur

HORTICULTURE instructor Charles E. Frissell, right, and Scott P. Losaw, a student in Lee High School's greenhouse program, stand beside the school's hydroponic system. The system, built in February by 45 special-needs students under Frissell's supervision, raises vegetables, flowers and house plants in water charged with dissolved nutrients, instead of in soil.

Lee special needs students grow plants hydroponically

By Nathan Wilbur

LEE — Growing plants without soil may seem extraordinary, but it is all in a day's work for the 42 special-needs students enrolled in Lee High School's horticulture program.

The students, under the supervision of their instructor, Charles E. Frissell, have been raising tomato, lettuce, cucumber and house plants in two hydroponic systems set up in the school's greenhouse. The plants are not rooted in soil. Their roots are suspended in pipes through which a water and nutrient mixture is pumped at regular intervals.

"The amazing thing about the system," Frissell said, "is that you can grow plants in water. There's no soil to buy, no weeding or cultivating, and the plants grow faster because they're constantly feeding."

The growth rate of the hydroponically raised plants, accelerated by the continuous supply of nutrients and the warm temperature maintained in the greenhouse, is faster than that of plants grown outside in the ground. Tomato plants bear fruit in 2½ months instead of three, Frissell said. Lettuce may be harvested in six weeks rather than ten, he continued, and cucumbers are ready to be picked after only one month, instead of two.

The size and flavor of vegetables is also improved by the hydroponic process, Frissell said. As evidence, he pointed to a head of lettuce three times larger than another raised in soil. He cut a slice from a tomato plucked from one of the vines. "They're thinner-skinned and tastier."

Frissell said he became interested in hydroponics last June after he saw a television program describing the process. In July, he and his students visited a hydroponic farm in Argyle, N.Y., with more than 2,000 tomato and lettuce plants. "We were amazed at the size of the plants," he said.

Lee High School's \$170 hydroponic unit was purchased from the George W. Park Seed Co. of Greenwood, S.C., and was set up in the school greenhouse in December. Two months later, Frissell and his students built a second, larger system using three 20-foot by 4-inch plastic pipes donated by the New England Telephone Co. The timer, pump and nutrient mix for the system were ordered from the Park Seed Co.

Seedlings are raised in styrofoam coffee cups filled with sand, which are fitted into holes cut in the pipes, Frissell said. The plants' roots grow through holes punched in the bottom of the coffee cups, and are suspended in a nutrient mixture composed primarily of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash dissolved in water. The mixture, Frissell said, is pumped automatically through the pipes every other hour "to give the roots oxygen so they don't rot."

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The special-needs students keep the system replenished with water and nutrients, and maintain the level of acidity or alkalinity of the mixture at a neutral pH reading of 6.5.

In addition, four advanced biology students are conducting growth studies comparing hydroponically grown plants with those raised in soil.

Purpose of the hydroponic project, Frissell said, is "to educate the students and the public that vegetables can be produced in this way. Hydroponics has been around for many years, but it's only just catching on around here."

"We have to teach the public to have no fear of eating vegetables produced from hydroponics," he continued. "People think they're poisoned with chemicals, but they are raised on nutrients like those in the ground."

Director of Occupational Education James D. Gralla said the hydroponic project would be expanded next year to fill about half of the available space in the greenhouse. "We hope to get our home economics students into solving problems of food production, and get our business students involved in the bookkeeping for the program," he said.

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For the present, however, Frissell is encouraged by the interest shown by the public in the project. "Lots of people have come here to see the system," he said, "and they're amazed by the size of the (tomato) stalks and their rate of growth."

Frissell added that, for his special-needs students, the greenhouse program is a "low-pressure game that stimulates them. They really get a lot out of it."



CINDERELLA cast consists of 2nd graders at St. Mary's School in Lee, where play will be put on tonight at 7 p.m.



For parents and tomorrow at 7 p.m. for general School is on Orchard Street.

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Steve Moore

OCTOGENARIAN Alton Heath tends his shop in Monterey.

This is his last one

Grandpa Heath made 2,000 trucks

By Steve Moore

MONTEREY — Alton Clarence Heath will be 80 years old this August.

On this particular day it is almost like August, even though it is only May. Nevertheless, "Grandpa" Heath sits in front of his 10-by-10-foot shop in a shirt, a wool sweater, and an insulated camouflage and blaze-orange vest. Displayed for sale on a chair is a handmade toy trailer truck.

As soon as you meet Grandpa Heath you know he likes to talk. Listen to him for a minute.

"I make toys. I made em, oh, ever since I was a kid. Now, I won't tell you when that was. That one there, that's the last one. That's the 2,000th truck I've made. I'm not gonna make any more. I gotta get an awful price for that one, though. Forty dollars."

"I drove trucks myself 41 years. Drove for Henry Kimball, the old man. He died, I guess two, three years ago now."

"Now, see, I had another shop up the road a bit but a car knocked it down."

(He produces three worn, color photographs documenting the incident.)

"Henry Phelps, he built me this new place about a year ago. He lives upstairs there, over that garage. He drives for Hillsdale Milk Hauling. I slept out here last night in

my chair. Some kids been throwing rocks through the windows. I know who it is, but I can't catch 'em."

"Everybody always asks me how I got started. You probably don't remember but the groceries used to always come in wooden boxes. I'd take 'em apart and save the nails, too, and that's what I'd use."

(He pauses and pulls out his wallet. He spreads out his Social Security card and some other papers. He fumbles with the change compartment and then hands the wallet to a visitor.)

"Here, what's in there? There's a penny I'm looking for. There. See that one? Now you know how old I am: 1900, right? You can figure that one out. My grandmother gave me that when I was born. This one is 1903. That's my wife's. I carried them a long, long time."

"I wish you could have seen some of the toys I made. I made Henry Phelps here a train. It's up there now. I'd show you but we can't get in there. Soon's I gave it to him, I wished I had it back. It had an engine, a coal car, lemme see, a freight car, a passenger car, a stock car, a flat car and a caboose. Track, too."

"But that truck, there, that's the last. That's the 2,000th truck I made and there won't be no more."

Burger King plans eatery at Lee site

LEE — Officials for Burger King informed the town Friday most of them 17- and 18-year-olds of their "definite" intention to establish a restaurant on Housatonic Street, Building Inspector Edward Briggs said last night.

The restaurant, he said, will be built on the site of the Marie's of Lee refreshment stand just north of the Massachusetts Turnpike interchange. Briggs said representatives of the fast-food corporation told him of their desire to begin construction of the restaurant "as soon as possible" under the terms of a building permit granted Dec. 18, 1979 by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The permit, Briggs said, was "still valid."

The ZBA's special permit will enable Burger King to build the restaurant on a flood plain adjacent to the Housatonic River. Because of poor soil conditions at the site, the company must install a foundation for the building supported by 26 piles driven into the ground and reinforced by a grade beam running down its center.

Burger King's request for a variance in the town's bylaws to erect a sign, situated atop a pylon 85 feet tall and large enough to be seen from the turnpike, was unanimously rejected Jan. 3 by the ZBA. When asked if the company would renew its request, Briggs said, "There'll be no sign and no variance."

'Lot of jobs'

The Selectmen, responding last night to Briggs' announcement, said they were "delighted" at the company's decision to locate their business here. Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes noted that a Burger King franchise will bring "tax money and a lot of jobs" to the town's economy.

At a ZBA hearing last November, Richard Townsend, a site-development engineer for the corporation, said the restaurant would cost more than \$500,000 to construct and that it will generate about \$9,000 in real estate taxes. He estimated the facility would have an annual payroll of about \$130,000 and would employ

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URGING relocation and renovation of Bradley Street School at the Lee Selectmen's meeting last night is Mrs. Florence Consolati, third from left. Also attending the meeting were, from left, James H. Parrish, historic preservation planner for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, and Lee Historical Commission members, Theresa P. Mathews, Mrs. Consolati, Charlotte P. Davis and Lee librarian Elizabeth Dennis.

Lee board postpones demolition of school

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Selectmen agreed yesterday to postpone for three months demolition of the Bradley Street School in order to allow the Historical Commission to determine the feasibility of relocating the building on town property next to the fire station on Main Street.

Mrs. Florence Consolati of Circular Avenue said that although Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarenes had estimated the cost of moving and renovating the school building at \$25,000, area movers and contractors had told her the cost might be considerably less than that figure.

Mrs. Consolati said Leonard Spector of Cross County House Movers of Colonie, N.Y., who visited the school site with her, told her the school could be moved for "about \$5,000." Mrs. Consolati added that Thomas R. Garrity, a local contractor, had estimated the cost of moving and renovation at \$12,000.

James N. Parrish, Historic Preservation Planner for Berkshire County Regional Plan-

district," as a designated landmark in the national Register of Historic Places.

Commission member Mrs. Charlotte P. Davis said the funds to pay for the project would be raised by public subscription rather than by taxation. The building, she said, could serve as a museum to attract visitors to town, with exhibits of the town's early paper and marble industries.

"We've got to have something to keep people in Lee," she said.

DeVarenes told the commission it would have to submit to the board this week an article proposing that a prior article, passed two years ago by the town authorizing the building's demolition, be rescinded. The new article, DeVarenes said, will be voted upon at a special town meeting to be held Aug. 28 at 7:30 at Lee Central School.

The article, DeVarenes continued, would stipulate that the project would be financed by public subscription. If the project were abandoned as infeasible by the Historical Commission,

In their eating habits, robins are evidently as tolerant as they are in their nesting sites. I used to think that they were not so friendly toward humans. Otherwise they seem to consider us friendly landlords from whom nothing is to be feared.

Lee VFW, auxiliary install new officers

LEE — The Lee VFW Post No. 893 and Women's Auxiliary held a joint ceremony May 20 to install new officers.

Newly elected officers for VFW Post No. 893 are John E. Farina, commander; Alfred J. Young, senior vice commander; Robert J. Touponce, junior vice commander; Armond J. Touponce Jr., quartermaster; Joseph Scapin Sr., adjutant; Mason B. Love, post advocate, and James P. Crerar, chaplain.

Officers for the Women's Auxiliary are Jean Scapin, president; Elizabeth Navin, senior vice president; Eris Young, junior vice president; Yvonne Scapin, treasurer; Virginia Farina, chaplain, and Barbara Martin, secretary.

The prelate of Eden Hill

STOCKBRIDGE

Bishop Leo E. O'Neil intends to concentrate on people. Consecrated as the first auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield on Aug. 22, Bishop O'Neil said "ministering to people is the most important thing" about his new post.

A parish priest for 25 years, most recently in Haydenville, Bishop O'Neil has enlarged his sphere by extending Bishop Joseph F. Maguire's pastoral ministry into Berkshire and Franklin counties.

Last weekend he moved into a caretaker's cottage on the grounds of the Marian Fathers property at Eden Hill, a location chosen because of its proximity to the Massachusetts Turnpike. Life on a road comes with the territory, which include maintaining the post as director of the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Ministry in Springfield which he has held since 1975. In that capacity, he is also Bishop Maguire's liaison with the deaneries and vicarates. In his new post, he will assist Bishop Maguire in administering confirmation at parishes throughout the diocese, and serve on all diocesan boards.

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It's quite an order, and Bishop O'Neil is clear on which items take precedence. "Being among the people has top priority. I'll schedule office work around that."

Direct and down to earth, he says he dislikes desk work. He cites Bishop Maguire's involvement with people as a model he intends to follow. He is beginning by officiating at confirmations and funerals, and plans to be part of a wide range of parish and community affairs, from helping the pizza makers at Mount Carmel's "Festa Italiana" in Pittsfield last night to teaching some confirmation classes.

He won instant acclaim when he gave the students at St. Joseph's High School the day off after he addressed them, and hopes to return there to teach some classes.

His concept of pastoral ministry includes knowing what goes on outside the churches, partly by going to movies and listening to popular songs on the radio. "I think it's necessary to pick up the vibrations of the culture," he says, adding that he considers it as much entertainment as field work.

Bishop O'Neil, 52, is a native of Holyoke and went through the Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart schools there. He was educated at the Maryknoll Seminary, St. Anselm's College in Manchester, N.H., and the Seminary of Philosophy and the Grand Seminary, both in Montreal. He was ordained in 1955 at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield by the Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon, then bishop of Springfield.

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He has a fondness for tradition and roots, exemplified by his pectoral cross and crosier, designed by a priest friend. Both are made of elm wood, to remind him of the Elmwood section of Holyoke



Mark Mitchell

Bishop O'Neil: On the move

where he lived, and brass, which was formerly produced in Haydenville, where he was pastor of St. Mary's Church before moving to Stockbridge. Furthermore, they were made in Westfield, where he was curate of St. Mary's Church for 13 years.

His coat of arms is similarly but more elaborately derived. Before the explanation he says, "It's almost embarrassing to have a coat of arms. I'm sure my ancestors in Ireland never had one."

An elm tree backed by the mountains of Western Massachusetts decorates the lower portion of the coat of arms. The upper contains a silver crown because he was ordained bishop on the Feast of Mary, Queen; two fleurs-de-lys to indicate the two St. Mary's parishes; an M for Pope John Paul who named him bishop and a silver crown because it coincided with his 25th anniversary as a priest. Around the band are field lilies to remind him of Joseph, the name of Bishop Maguire who ordained him bishop, all resting on a book, symbolizing St. Catherine of Siena, the parish in Springfield he served as curate before becoming pastor in Haydenville in 1976.

"It combines my roots as a kid with my pastoral history," he says.

He is getting used to both these symbols of office, and the regard in which it is held, but he says it has been a humbling experience. When he went to the wake of a young accident victim, the young man's mother said she was honored by his presence. "I found that devastating," he said.

But he recognizes that the charisma of the office conveys that the entire diocese mourns, and that's part of the job. "I know I have to put aside my own feelings of embarrassment, because I do go to represent Bishop Maguire and the entire diocese."

He says he has learned something from his transition that he thinks will serve him in good stead. The process of pulling up stakes has brought with it a feeling of loneliness, which he plans to remember. "I think I'll understand how a man or woman feels when they lose a job in their 50s or how people must feel when their marriages are breaking up, and how the elderly must feel when they're leaving their homes and moving into an apartment for the elderly."

"When you're frightened and lonesome, you have to go back to faith."

He says it is very challenging to be a priest at this time in history, and he considers part of the priest's role is to challenge the people. "The gospel is not only to comfort but to confront," he says. "A priest's role is prophetic, it calls to consciousness," he said, explaining why he thinks priests should not be in politics, despite his "tremendous respect for Father Drinan." He says he thinks the church should "always speak up about issues, raise questions and defend values," but, he adds, "I don't think we should tell people how to vote."

Among the values he upholds is that of the family, which he says provides "stability and support in a tense and nervous world." Asked about Pope John Paul's remarks which have received widespread publicity, Bishop O'Neil says he thinks everything the pope says must be considered together to develop a pattern of theology. "When you consider the remarks in context, it amounted to not using your wife as a sex object," he said.

With characteristic simplicity he said, "I'm not going to be an overnight oracle. There are a lot of questions I have no answers to."

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He says the best training for his job came from his stint in Westfield, when he combined being an associate at St. Mary's, director of St. Mary's High School, director of campus ministry at Westfield State, and work with the Hispanic community, which involved setting up adult education classes, summer camp for children and liaison with city agencies. "I had to have on my running shoes," he said.

These days, much of his time is spent driving, and he says he wants to get tapes of the works of theologians to listen to in the car, now that he has so little time for reading. He calls reading, of "any and everything," one of his favorite pastimes, and he also writes poetry and meditations.

From the windows of the Marian Center, he looks appreciatively at the hills, which he says beckon him for long walks, and cross-country skiing in the winter. He hopes to enjoy theater and music at the nearby Berkshire Theater Festival and Tanglewood. But he ruefully recalls that in Haydenville he lived next to a golf course but never played once. For the moment, he is literally living out of a suitcase and stepping over paint cans, and figuratively shifting gears.

Bayley named organist at Lee Congregational

LEE — The Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor of the First Congregational Church, announced yesterday that George W. Bayley, formerly of Berlin, N.Y., has become the church's organist and choirmaster.

Mr. Ryan said Bayley and his wife Sandra have signed an agreement to purchase the parsonage adjoining the church at 20 Park Place. The Bayleys and their two children will move into the house this week, he said.

Mr. Ryan added that he could not disclose the purchase price of the parsonage until he conferred with church officials and until final papers on the transaction were passed.

A graduate of the New England Conservatory in Boston and the University of Michigan, Bayley was director of music at the Loomis School in Windsor, Conn., and organist at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, N.Y., before taking up the post of director of music at the Windsor Mountain School in Lenox in 1957.

In 1959, Bayley moved to Newport News, Va., where he was organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. He also served as lecturer in music education at Christopher Newport College in Newport News and as conductor of the Peninsula Choral Society there.

From 1976 until November of



George W. Bayley

last year, Bayley taught organ performance and church music courses at Jacksonville (Fla.) University and served as organist and choirmaster of the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville.

Before taking up his duties in Lee, Bayley was organist and choirmaster at the First Congregational Church in North Adams. He was named director of the Berkshire Concert Choir in March.

In addition, Bayley has built and repaired organs and harpsichords for the past 31 years. He is installing a new organ in the First Congregational Church in Stockbridge.

Mr. Ryan said Bayley's part-time duties, which commenced Sunday, will include organ accompaniment of church services and the direction of the church's adult, youth and children's choirs.

Bayley replaced Mrs. Stanley Smith of Stockbridge, whose last performance at the church was at its Oct. 26 Sunday service. Mrs. Smith, who had played the church organ since September 1979, said she and her husband will be moving to State College, Pa., in the winter.

Coincidentally, Mrs. Smith added, her son-in-law, Andrew Clarke, the director of the Berkshire Concert Choir before Bayley's appointment to that post in March, now occupies Bayley's former position of music director at Riverside Presbyterian Church.

Lee truck driver finds clocks a source of aesthetic pleasure

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — On the road during the week as a truck driver, Edward P. Schmidt of High Street dutifully keeps to his delivery schedule. His long hauls to Chicago, Ill., or Atlanta, Ga., for Kay-Bee Toy and Hobby on Route 102 are policed by the relentless ticking of his pocket watch.

On weekends, Schmidt spends his free time in his basement workshop repairing clocks. In those calm hours, wholly absorbed in his work, he finds the ticking of these schedule-enforcers is transformed into the musical murmuring of beautiful instruments.

"It's a fever with me," Schmidt said. "When I get home it's a great relaxation. I get so involved with it I tend to neglect other things around the house."

Repair manuals

Schmidt's obsession with clocks was sparked three years ago, when he sent away for do-it-yourself repair manuals advertised in Vermont Life and Down East magazines. Faithful study of these manuals and practice with broken clocks brought his native mechanical skills to full bloom.

"You learn by doing it," he said. "It's amazing what you can do if you have the patience and the interest."

"It's a challenge," he continued, his eyes lighting up. "A woman had a French mantel clock that didn't work. She said she had taken it to a dealer who told her that it couldn't be fixed and that parts would have to be ordered from France."

"The problem was a broken main winding spring," he said. "I had to completely disassemble the clock. It was touchy, with a lot of brittle little parts, and mean to work with, but it was beautifully made. It was a great experience to make it work again. The woman was tickled to death."

A 50-year-old Unghans Wurttemberg mantel clock on his workbench begins to chime the hour. Schmidt listens with quiet appreciation to its measured tones, and admires its mahogany case and polished silver dial.

"I got it for \$50 in a tag sale, reconditioned it, and now it's worth over \$300," he said.

New Hampshire native

The Canterbury, N.H., native also enjoys making new clocks from old brass gauges salvaged from condemned factories. After cleaning the gauge's heavy metal case, Schmidt fits it with new works, new hands filed from the gauge's former indicators, and a dial hand-painted by



Nathan L. Wilbur

CLOCK FANCIER Edward P. Schmidt of Lee restores a late 1800s Bradley and Comstock wooden clock movement in his basement workshop. Handmade gauge clocks and framed photographs of locomotives grace the workshop's paneled walls.

another self-taught artisan, Lester Mitchell of Becket.

"I try to cater to steam enthusiasts and my friends in the Berkshire Steam and Gas Engine Association," Schmidt said. The cost of a completed gauge clock, he said, is about \$75, "and a good deal less if you bring your own gauge."

About 50 gauges grace the walls of Schmidt's basement, 24 clocks crowd his shelves and workbench, and a number of clock movements, without cases, dials or hands, tick meaningfully on adjoining tables. The concerted sound of these timepieces is like the rippling of water over pebbles in a small

brook.

"All of them have their own personalities, and when you put them all together it's like music," Schmidt said. "I just love to hear it."

Restored tower clock

Schmidt's most ambitious project to date was his restoration of the First Congregational Church's tower clock in May of 1979 in observance of the church's 1980 bicentennial.

During the church's restoration of its 195-foot steeple, he said, workmen painting the church's clock dials stopped the mechanism by jamming its hands with a trapdoor leading

from the steeple's interior. When the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor of the church, learned that the man who had previously serviced the clock was unavailable, he asked Schmidt, who lives nearby, to try to get the clock running again by Memorial Day.

"I got the door straightened out, and I completely cleaned and re-oiled the mechanism," the 43-year-old mechanic said. "It's been doing just fine."

The tower clock, Schmidt said, was manufactured in 1916 by Turrit and Main of Boston on exact specifications from Seth Thomas Co. of Thomaston, Conn. The clock is driven by 14 60-pound disc weights hung from the mechanism on two sets of steel cables.

Eight-day wind

"A full eight-day wind takes 15 minutes of hard labor to wind both of those weights all the way up," he said. "They drop 40 feet during that period and have to be raised with a hand crank on a windlass."

"To wind this on a July day is really brutal," he added. "Still, I'd hate to see them electrify it. Now I just wind it up once a week and clean and oil it once a year. It's my baby."

Schmidt's wife Sally Ann must have wondered at her husband's relationship with the church clock during his first month of ministering to its needs.

"I was constantly running over there," he said with a laugh. "I'd be working out in the yard and hear it chime. Something wouldn't be sounding right, it would be sounding too fast or too slow, so I'd run over there, make an adjustment to its flywheel, and wait for it to chime again. Finally my wife said, 'Why don't you just move your bed up there?'"

Schmidt plans to restore the tower clock to its original working order by replacing the steel shafts of the crown gears (which move the clock's hands) with tin metal shafts with wooden plugs. "The plugs will shear off if the hands are stuck and frozen up," he said, "and the shafts will act as lighting arresters to protect the works."

Schmidt said he hopes in time to open an antique and clock shop in a barn behind his house. He added that he is negotiating with a church in Galion, Ohio, to buy the movement from a tower clock there, which he plans to install over the barn's front door.

For the moment, however, Schmidt is content to repair clocks, make new ones, and keep everyone who glances up at the church's clock on schedule. Pulling his 1919 lever-action Bunn Special out of his pocket, he squinted at the dial, smiled, and said, "Nice talking to you. Time to get back to work."

Lee board appoints inspector

Farina is named to view other's gas installations

LEE — The Selectmen yesterday appointed Henry Farina, owner of Farina Plumbing in Lee, as the town's gas inspector.

Farina had applied for the post but was initially rejected by the board because his duties as gas inspector would be in conflict of interest with the conduct of his business. State law prohibits a gas inspector who is also a plumbing contractor from authorizing his own work.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarenes told Farina he could inspect all gas pipe installations done in town by other contractors. DeVarenes added that Farina would have to appoint an alternate inspector to inspect work done in town by himself.

Farina said he would consider appointing Edwin W. Twing as alternate inspector. Twing, he said, is a licensed plumber and serves as plumbing inspector for the town of Tyringham. Farina suggested that the town allow him to keep permit application forms for gas pipe installations at his business instead of at the Town Hall, to make his job easier.

The gas inspector's annual salary is \$100 plus \$50 for expenses. When DeVarenes told him the amount, Farina said laughing, "That's not even \$10 a month. Can't you make it \$120?" Selectman Maria D. Bettiga told Farina he would be able to apply to the Finance Committee for a raise in salary when the budget for the next fiscal year is drawn up.

Other business

In other business, the Selectmen turned down a permit application submitted by Helen M. Lombardi of East Street to conduct a flea market in a vacant lot behind the Marie's of Lee refreshment stand on Housatonic Street.

DeVarenes said the board had been advised by Town Counsel Jerome Scully that the permit sought by Mrs. Lombardi would require "three times more parking" than that available in the Marie's of Lee parking lot to meet the parking regulations specified in town bylaws. He added, however, that Mrs. Lombardi could hold a tag sale on the property.



Nathan L. Wilbur

CAST MEMBERS for the First Congregational Church's Nov. 15 production of "The Old Peabody Pew" pose in costume on stage in the Lee church's sanctuary. In front, from left, are Valerie M. Nixon,

Carolelynn B. Lenfest, Ellen F. Krupka, R. Francis Stone, Sandra P. Cozzaglio and Eleanor A. Pettibone. At rear, from left, are Henrietta S. Ryan, Joan W. Zukowski and Diane M. Wheeler.

Lee church staging 'Peabody Pew'

LEE — The First Congregational Church of Lee will present the play "The Old Peabody Pew" by Kate Douglas Wiggin Saturday at 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The play has been staged at the church three times previously, in 1929, 1932 and 1964. This year's production is in celebration of the church's bicentennial.

Heading the cast will be Ellen C. Krupka of East Street in the role of

Nancy Wentworth, and R. Francis Stone in the role of Justin Peabody. Other cast members will be Henrietta S. Ryan, Joan W. Zukowski, Diane M. Wheeler, Valerie M. Nixon, Carolelynn B. Lenfest, Sandra P. Cozzaglio and Eleanor A. Pettibone. The play's reader will be Marc A. Ferrelli.

The play will be directed by William P. Polidoro of Pittsfield. Lighting for the production will be handled by Alex Nar-

dacci, musical effects by church organist George W. Bayley, special effects by Jason Winn and properties by Jay Cozzaglio and Cheryl Ann Tacy.

Tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12. Tickets will be available at the door, but persons wishing to attend are requested to obtain tickets in advance through the church office or Mrs. Walter E. Brown of Robert Street.

Lee group seeking youth center funds

LEE — The Lee Youth Association (LYA) has applied to the County Commission for \$28,100 to renovate the Lee Grange building on Academy Street, association president Roy Martin said yesterday.

The funds sought by the LYA are part of \$283,905 in requests by county agencies for human services funds for the 1982 fiscal year beginning next July 1.

In addition to the County Commission, Martin said, the LYA will apply for funds from the Lee United Community Fund to convert the Grange building into a town youth center following the Selectmen's appointing of a youth commission. The association has a tentative lease agreement with the Lee Grange to rent the building for \$1 a year.

The town's representatives voted at a special town meeting last month to authorize the for-

mation of a local youth commission and the transfer of \$7,875 in funds to hire a director for it.

Martin said the LYA will meet with the Selectmen very soon to discuss the formation of the commission. The LYA, he said, also has drawn up a job description for the director's job.

Once the commission members are appointed, Martin said, the job description will be amended to conform with existing contracts for town employees. Advertisements for the director's post will be run in the newspapers, and candidates will be interviewed. "By the end of the year," he said, "we should have a director in place."

Martin added that he hoped the commission and center would provide counseling services in addition to recreational activities for the town's children.

He said the commission "will have to go through a process" in determining what programs it will offer, but added that the center "can provide a resource so that the whole community can work together to deal with youth problems."



Nathan L. Wilbur

HANDSHAKE between Malcolm E. Somes, master of the Lee Grange, left, and Charles V. O'Neil, acting president of the Lee Youth Association, confirmed the lease agreement signed yesterday by the two organizations for the Grange building on Academy Street.

LYA gets a new president, 3-year Grange building lease

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Lee Youth Association agreed last night to appoint Charles V. O'Neil acting president of the organization.

Once confirmed in his position, O'Neil and members of the Lee Grange signed an agreement enabling the LYA to lease the Grange building on Academy Street for three years for the purpose of establishing a youth center there.

O'Neil's appointment as the LYA's acting president was

prompted by the resignation, effective last Wednesday, of Roy J. Martin. In a letter to the LYA released Friday, Martin said that "increasing demands from business and personal matters" had made it impossible for him to devote the time necessary to oversee all the LYA's activities. Martin will continue to serve on the association's board of directors.

Following the reading of Martin's letter of resignation, O'Neil praised Martin's "great admin-

istrative work" on behalf of the LYA. "No one could have done a better job," he said.

No formal vote

The nine association directors present then agreed, without a formal vote, to appoint O'Neil acting president until the end of January, when all the LYA's offices will come up for election.

After O'Neil's appointment, Malcolm E. Somes, master of the Lee Grange, and Donald A. Murray and Terry A. Somes, members of the Grange's executive committee, appeared before the LYA to sign the lease agreement between the two organizations. O'Neil and secretary Linda Silbor signed the document on behalf of the LYA, with Martin and Berkshire Eagle reporter Nathan L. Wilbur signing as witnesses.

The agreement calls for a three-year lease of the building with an option to renew for an additional three years. The cost to the LYA of renting the building each year will be \$1. The LYA will be responsible for repairing and maintaining the building, and will pay all personal property and real estate taxes levied on the premises during the term of the lease.

Speaking of the agreement, O'Neil said, "It's a great step forward at this time. We're hoping that we can turn this into a full community center. Everyone is totally thrilled that the Grange came forward to offer us this opportunity."

"A big part of our fund-raising efforts depends on our having a place for our director to work out of," he said. "Now that we've been able to secure a center, we hopefully will be open to a lot of different funding."

Athletics, adult classes may be dropped in Lee

LEE — The school committee last night proposed cutting athletics and adult education as a step toward reducing its budget by \$140,000 in excise tax monies lost because of Proposition 2½.

John Dolan, chairman of the committee, said the Selectmen asked each of the town departments this week to explore avenues that would reduce their respective budgets for fiscal 1981 by 5 percent. He said \$140,000 is slightly more than 5 percent of the school department budget of \$2,748,758.

The committee proposed eliminating all athletic activities in the schools below the varsity level and doing away with adult evening education.

Dolan also said a budget subcommittee has been formed to investigate ways to cut school department expenditures by 15 percent in fiscal 1982. This more substantial reduction, he said, would be needed to meet the financial restraints imposed by loss of property tax monies, excise tax revenues and inflation.

Dolan said the subcommittee will aim toward adminis-

tratively oriented cuts in the high school and at Central School.

The board also moved to recommend to the Selectmen that all full-time town officials give up their yearly stipend in an effort to help cope with the impact of Proposition 2½. The move was prompted by a letter from Gregory R. Anrig, commissioner of education, expressing regret at the passage of the measure.

In other business, the board moved to:

— Continue its membership in the Western Massachusetts Safety Council. The council provides films, pamphlets and other materials on the subject of safety for \$80 per year.

— Purchase a Royal 6000 text editing word processor from MacFarland Office Products of Pittsfield for \$6,795 and an IBM Memory 100 word processor from IBM in Springfield for \$4,575. Funds used to buy both machines will come from state grants.

— Appoint Marlene Budd of Lee as 10th and 11th grade English teacher at the high school.

Naming of clergyman, boy, girl proposed for Lee commission

LEE — The Selectmen recommended Monday that a clergyman and a boy and girl between the ages of 16 and 19 be appointed to the town's newly formed youth commission so that a wide range of community interests will be represented.

The board made its recom-

mendation to the Lee Youth Association's board of directors, who attended the Selectmen's meeting to discuss procedures for establishing the commission in compliance with state regulations.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarenes reviewed the procedures outlined in a memorandum to the board from Town Counsel Jerome Scully. The Selectmen, DeVarenes said, may appoint a commission consisting of three to seven members, with terms ranging from one to three years.

The commission, DeVarenes said, may receive gifts of property and funds in the name of the town to defray the costs of its operation. He noted that although the Selectmen must approve the commission's receipt of these gifts, the commission will have the power to manage the gifts at its discretion.

Prefer up to seven

Charles V. O'Neil, acting president of the LYA, said his association would prefer that the Selectmen appoint the maximum of seven persons to the commission "to represent all facets of the community."

DeVarenes said that although the Selectmen favored the appointment of clergy and young people to the commission, "we don't want to choose them." He suggested the boy and girl to be appointed be "at least a junior or senior in high school, or someone just out of school who has the maturity to do business with the board."

DeVarenes cautioned that the LYA, in interviewing persons interested in serving on the commission, "should choose the people who will do the most work to get it going. It shouldn't be a popularity contest."

Carol E. LePrevost, an LYA director, said the LYA intended to continue as a separate organization after the youth commission is appointed "so we can

keep open more funding opportunities."

DeVarenes, noting that the LYA is not authorized to receive town funds to pay for its activities, advised the directors present to consult with Scully to determine if there will be any financial or legal complications arising from the existence of two parallel organizations in town.

Budget cuts expected

Anticipated cutbacks in the town's budget resulting from the implementation of Proposition 2½ may undercut the commission's efforts to establish itself, DeVarenes said.

A contemplated 15 percent cut in town budgets under the first year of the tax referendum will force layoffs of teachers and police officers, DeVarenes said. Under those circumstances, he said, the town's representatives may vote to maintain existing services rather than pay for new ones.

DeVarenes added that if the commission hires a director on a one-year basis and then is obliged to lay him off when the 1982 fiscal year begins next July, the town will be obliged to pay him unemployment compensation. "That'll put a hell of a commitment on the town," he said.

The Selectmen indicated their willingness to meet with the LYA to hear its recommendations for appointments to the commission when the association has completed its screening of qualified candidates.

Dog complaint

In other action, Dog Officer James J. Castronova presented the board with a written complaint from Ruth D. LeCompte of Valley Street concerning two dogs owned by her neighbor, Michael Kelley.

In her complaint Mrs. LeCompte said the dogs, "of vicious disposition," are allowed to run loose, chase cars and joggers, and threaten her family and people visiting her residence. She said she has asked Kelley to restrain the animals without success.

Castronova told the Selectmen he delivered the complaint to their office at Mrs. LeCompte's request. He said he was unable to catch the dogs running loose off the Kelley property.

"I don't know what we can do about it," DeVarenes said. He added that the dog officer's responsibilities do not include delivering written complaints to the Selectmen's office.

"If you drop off the forms," Selectman Maria D. Bettega said, "it's up to the people who file them to bring them here."

Other business

In other business, the Selectmen:

— Were informed by the state Division of Personnel Administration that it will conduct an examination to fill the vacant post of police chief here. DeVarenes said although police officers in the employ of the town may take the examination, the town is not actively seeking to hire an officer to replace acting Police Chief Edward Finnegan.

— Announced that the deadline for liquor license renewals is Nov. 30. Secretary Pauline Pollard said businesses that have not signed the renewal forms for their licenses by that time will be obliged to apply for

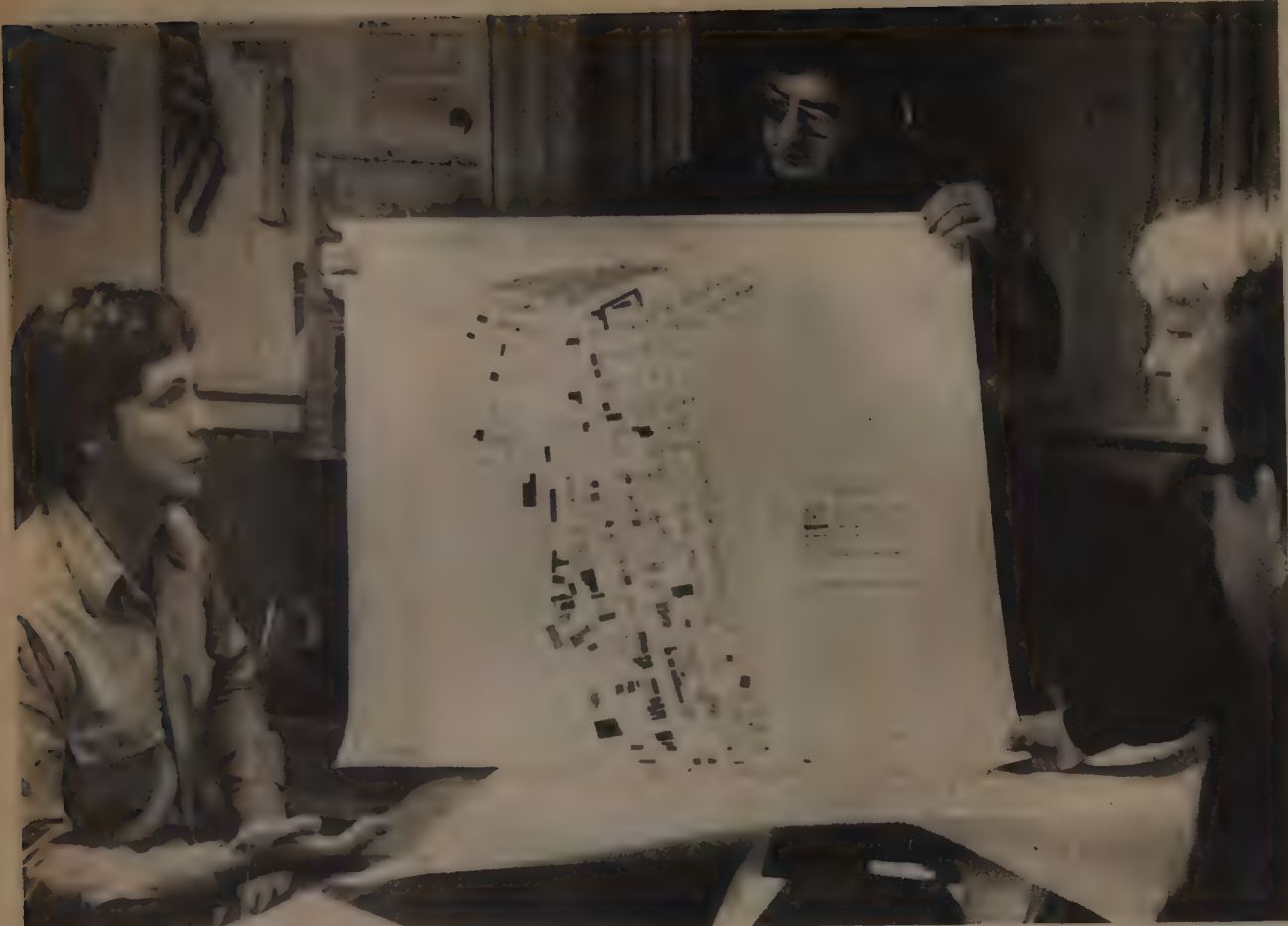


Dorothy W. Chapman

Food stop

Flock of Canada geese who have been at Center Pond in Dalton for the past few days, get a handout from

Richard K. Mitchell of 144 Hale St. Extension. He is standing on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Jansen.



Nathan L. Wilbur

MAIN STREET MAP of buildings in Lee's business district is presented by landscape architect Robert I. Macintosh, left, and Citizen's Advisory Council co-

chairman Edward Briggs, center, to Selectman Maria D. Bettega at last night's Selectmen's meeting.

3 plans offered for downtown Lee

LEE — Landscape architect Robert I. Macintosh came before the Selectmen last night with members of the Citizens' Advisory Council to brief the board on his progress in drawing up an action plan to revitalize Lee's downtown business district.

Macintosh, who was hired by the council July 30 to coordinate a study of the business district after the town was awarded a \$19,450 grant from the state Department of Communities and Development, showed the board three plans of the downtown area.

Each of the plans depicted all of the existing buildings along the length of Main Street and on adjoining streets. The first plan designated with different colors buildings used for residential, commercial, non-profit, municipal, and industrial purposes, and the number of housing units con-

tained in each. The second specified the owners of all of the buildings. The third outlined in red all of the parking spaces in the business district.

Macintosh told the board that the preparation of these plans will reduce the time necessary for preparing future grant proposals. The plans, he said, will convince state and federal agencies that "the town has done its homework."

Current uses

The first plan showing the current uses of the district's buildings and the number of people living in them, Macintosh said, "is the starting point for all grant proposals." He admonished the Selectmen to keep the plan up to date once it is completed, so that preparations of grant applications may be expedited.

Other plans of the same buildings, he said, will record "mi-

croclimates," or hot and cold spots in town, the topography of the downtown area, and water-drainage systems in the district. These plans, Macintosh said, will provide planners with "a categorical breakdown of all of the factors which affect Lee's downtown."

When asked by Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes what the ultimate purpose of his efforts would be, Macintosh said he would draw up a plan addressing the five original areas of investigation called for under the town's grant: parking, downtown traffic flow, visual appearance of downtown signs, streets and buildings, use of space in existing buildings, and renovation of buildings and businesses.

Funding plans

In addition, Macintosh said, "we'll examine as many funding plans as possible. We plan to leave the town not just papers

on the shelf, but an action plan for the future."

Macintosh announced that a team of students from the University of Massachusetts under the direction of Joseph Volpe, a professor in the university's graduate program in landscape architecture, may come to town to carry out an independent study of the town's downtown area. Macintosh said he expected to learn of Volpe and his students' intentions by Nov. 27.

Marilyn Sullivan, co-chairman of the council, told the board that "we're very pleased with the job he (Macintosh) is doing. He's been constantly on the job, and I believe that he's been worth every penny of the monies allocated by the state."

In a related matter, the board appointed Mrs. Judy Larson and William J. Napolitano, president of the Lee National Bank, to serve as members of the council.

'Bradley Bunch' sets date for school move

LEE — A timetable for the rary site between the Barritt Oil signing of papers transferring Ultimately, Mrs. Caropreso ownership of the Bradley Street said, the buyers plan to situate School, and the relocation of the the building in a central location school to a temporary site, was in town, and convert the struc-

announced yesterday by Sandra Caropreso, one of the 10 buyers displaying the development of of the school building who have the town's paper, lime and dubbed themselves the "Bradley marble industries. The museum Bunch."

Mrs. Caropreso said the buyers will meet Jan. 12 with the Selectmen and Town Counsel Jerome Scully to sign papers transferring title to the school building from the town to their organization.

Relocation of the school from its site on Bradley Street will take place April 24. Mrs. Caropreso said the Bradley Bunch had not yet determined a permanent location for the school building. At this time, she said, the buyers plan to move the building to a tempo-

would charge an admission fee to visitors and would be self-supporting, she said.

Co. and the Dresser Hull Co. on Railroad Street.

The Bradley Bunch, she said, plans to launch a fund drive to raise money for renovations to the building. "We've already received over \$500 in donations,"

she said. Persons interested in making contributions to the project, she added, may send them to the Bradley Bunch in care of the Pilgrim Motel on Housatonic Street.



LEE PIZZA restaurant at 150 Main St. was purchased yesterday for \$85,000. Its new owners said the restaurant's name and menu will not be changed.

Nathan L. Wilbur

Lee Pizza restaurant is sold

LEE — The Lee Pizza restaurant at 150 Main St. was sold yesterday to two Boston men for \$85,000, according to former owner Peter Constantopoulos.

The new owners, Emmanuel Katritsis, 28, and Demetrios Kokkinakis, 23, took over operation of the restaurant last night. Kokkinakis said no changes in the restaurant's current menu are planned at this time.

"Our employees will be here for a week or more to show the new managers how to make the same pizzas and dishes that we've had," Constantopoulos said. Following this learning period, Kokkinakis said he will run

the restaurant with a friend, Barbara Ferguson, and Katritsis and his wife Anna.

The two couples have taken up residence in apartments above the restaurant, which Constantopoulos established in June 1978 in a 100-year-old house at the corner of Main and Academy streets.

Asked his reason for selling the business, Constantopoulos, 50, said, "I started to work in restaurants at the age of 10, when I worked in my father's place in Sparta (Greece). I've been working in restaurants 12 to 14 hours a day for the last 40 years. I figure now to take it a little easier and work like a hu-

man being."

Constantopoulos said he plans to visit his parents, whom he said he hadn't seen in five years, in Vancouver, British Columbia. He added that he hadn't decided what he will do upon his return.

"I don't know how I'll feel being idle, after working so hard all of these years," he said.

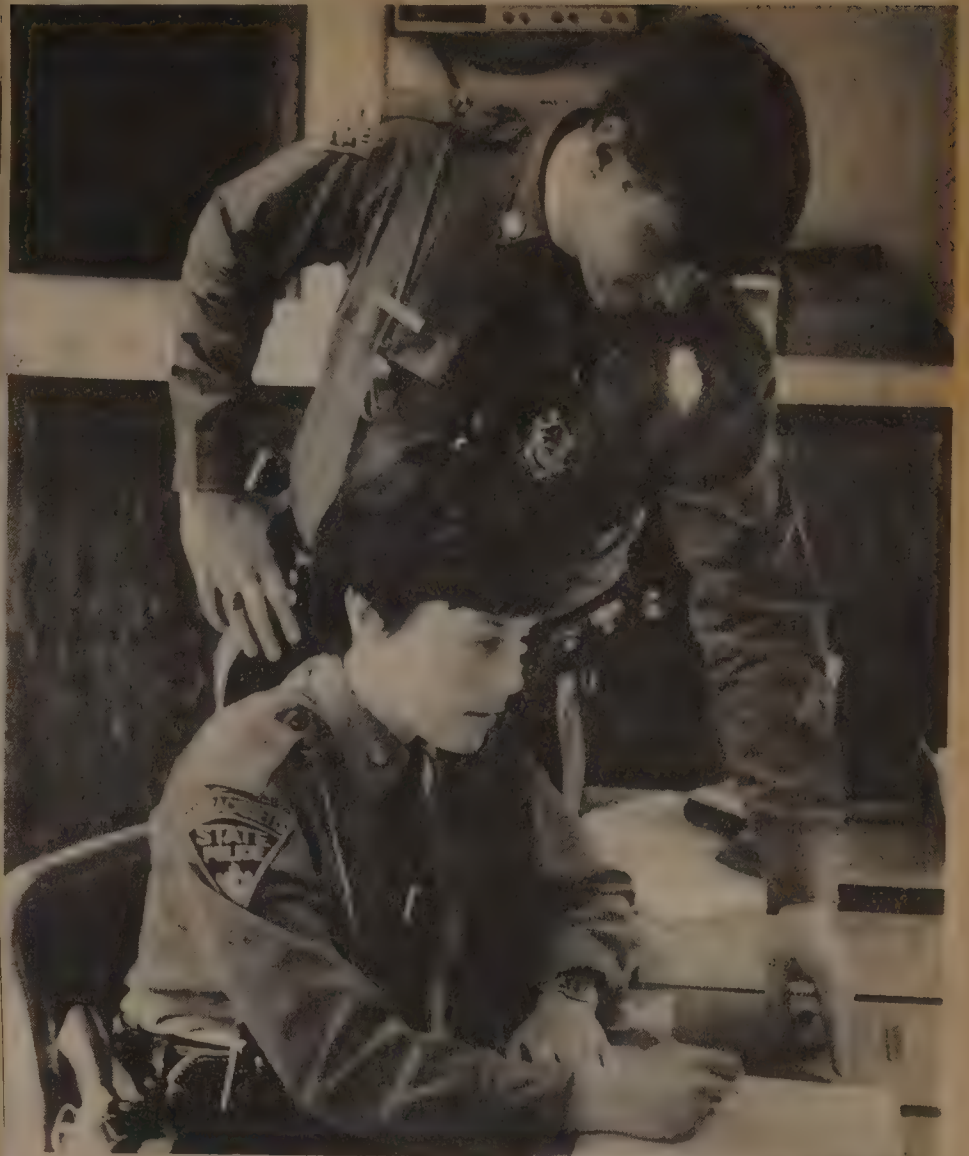
Constantopoulos's eldest son, William, 21, operates Bill's Sandwich Shop at 95 Main St., which housed Lee Pizza before the relocation to its current quarters. Constantopoulos said he may seek to establish another business for his younger son, Christopher, who is 19.

Constantopoulos admitted to feeling regret at selling the business. "It's like I sold a child of mine that I loved. Everyone was surprised, but when I told them why the people said, 'I don't blame you.'"

Kokkinakis said he and Katritsis bought the property on the advice of the realtor who handled the transaction, Nick Sikelis of Sikelis Realty in Boston. "We liked it because it was different, not like a regular pizza place or restaurant," he said.

"We were planning to change the style of pizza, but a lot of people told us not to, so we'll stay with the same food for now," Kokkinakis said. "We'll do our best to bring more people here if we can."

The restaurant will continue operating under the name of Lee Pizza, Kokkinakis said. He added, however, that its hours will be expanded to seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to midnight.



Nathan L. Wilbur

Troopers Mary T. Hanna and Edward S. Popko at the Lee barracks.

County's first female trooper is fulfilling childhood goal

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Mary T. Hanna sat back in her chair and shifted the weight of the revolver on her hip.

"Dealing with the public one-on-one is really different from being in the classroom," she said with a smile, smoothing with her hand the sharp creases in her blue state trooper's uniform. "But I've had no real problems so far."

Miss Hanna is 20 and comes from East Longmeadow. She became the first woman state trooper ever assigned to Berkshire County when she graduated Nov. 21 from the State Police Academy in Framingham, and was posted three days later to the Lee barracks.

For her first three months on the job, she will work a 3 to 11:30 p.m. shift with a veteran trooper, Richard D. Samuelson, to familiarize herself with the Lee barracks' coverage area which includes 16 towns south of Pittsfield to the Connecticut border. At the end of that probationary period she will be assigned to a regular shift and

refuse to feel guilty because I drive a car. I don't want to be a trooper. I simply suggest that we all walk or ride bicy- Mr. Phinney is less than amusing when "wasted by ease." life of a mad tenant of this planet wise, I can only fantasize about living the "demand automobiles at any cost." Like- about joining Mr. Phinney's elite who stunts we can live it. This means alter- ing will have to be y through direct as- services. the understanding one of us if we are ssage that was con- he suggests that we all walk or ride bicy- cles in lieu of driving our cars. I simply refuse to feel guilty because I drive a car. I don't want to be a trooper. I simply suggest that we all walk or ride bicy-

emy's 20-week officer's training in an all-male unit, she said, program.

"The academic part was easiest for me," she said. "I like motor vehicle law, and we had a very good instructor."

"The hardest part was the physical training," she continued. "A lot of the time we spent running around the track with a rifle. A lot of people realized it wasn't for them, and some flunked out." Of the 20 women and 73 men in her class, eight women and 56 men graduated, she said.

Two male members of her graduating class, Donald Moyer of Holyoke and William Lyons of Springfield, were also assigned to the Lee Barracks.

The troopers' daily schedule at the academy resembled that of a military boot camp.

"Every morning we had physical training at 5:45," Miss Hanna said. "We'd drill or have classes in the morning, and then have more classes in the afternoon. There'd be guest speakers at night."

"Thursday night was 'field day' and we had a lot of fun. We had our own administrators, and we had a message that was con-

"Not really. They have to adjust to me as much as I have to adjust to them."

"You learn in the academy that it (the police force) is like a big family," she said. "And I know that if anyone was in trouble it wouldn't take long for a backup to get there."

Trooper Hanna has been commuting to work from East Longmeadow, but plans to move to Westfield by the end of the month.

When asked to state her goals as a police officer, she said firmly, "To help the general public and try to enforce the laws as best I can. If someone asks my help I'll give them 100 percent."

Lee seeks to clarify status of 2 youth activities groups

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LEE — Lee may be served by two separate organizations providing programs for youth, but only one of them may be supported with town funds.

This was the gist of a discussion Monday between the Selectmen and Carol E. LePrevost, a member of the Lee Youth Association's board of directors.

At issue was the possibility of legal and financial problems that might arise if the LYA were to continue its operations after the formation of the town's youth commission.

Mrs. LePrevost said Town Counsel Jerome Scully had told the LYA that the parallel operation of two youth organizations in town might be "confusing," but added that "there was no legal reason not to have the two together."

Monies from charities

The advantage to be gained in maintaining two distinct organizations, Mrs. LePrevost said, was that the LYA could receive monies from charities. These contributions, she said, would be unavailable to the commission, whose expenses will be paid in part with town funds.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said that if the LYA received a house or other gift of property from a donor, the LYA would have to assume all expenses incurred in renovating the building.

He noted that although the youth commission will be free to establish its own programs with town funds and gifts approved by the Selectmen, it could not use these monies and gifts to back the LYA's projects.

"The transfer of monies is a one-way street," DeVarennes said. "The LYA can make donations to the commission, but the commission can't support LYA programs."

DeVarennes observed that if the LYA were to transfer its

lease of the Lee Grange building to the youth commission, the commission would then be empowered to spend town funds in restoring it.

Recommendation endorsed

The LYA, Mrs. LePrevost said, had endorsed a recommendation made by the Selectmen at their Nov. 17 meeting calling for the appointment of the seven-man youth commission, including a clergyman and a boy and girl between the ages of 16 and 19. In addition, she said, Scully had advised that members of the LYA's board of directors serve on the youth commission.

As long as the membership of the two boards overlaps, Mrs. LePrevost said, "they should be able to exist without any problem."

DeVarennes agreed that with LYA directors represented on the commission, the danger of legal and financial complications arising between the two groups would be lessened. He added, however, that although the existence of two separate youth organizations might allow them more opportunities to secure funding, their dual presence in Lee might be confusing to residents.

"They're going to ask, 'Why do we need a youth commission, with the LYA in place?'" DeVarennes said.

Police contract

In other action, the board requested Edward Finnegan, acting police chief, and Henry "Rico" J. Smachetti, the police department's senior officer and president of the policemen's association, to conclude negotiation of the policemen's yearly contract with the town by mid-December.

The policemen's current contract will expire at the end of June, Smachetti said. Early completion of contract negotiations by the middle of December,

DeVarennes said, would expedite the preparation of the police department's budget for fiscal 1981.

DeVarennes said the police department's budget for fiscal 1981 should reflect the 15 percent cut for all town budgets necessitated by passage of Proposition 2½. In fiscal 1982, he said, "we will see a relief of \$70,000 to \$80,000 in bond issues that will be paid off, but we don't hope for a lot of relief in preparing this year's budget."

Other business

In other business, the Selectmen:

— Reviewed a sales agreement signed by the board Nov. 17 authorizing transfer of the Bradley Street School to Daniel Sullivan, Sandra Caropreso, Joseph M. Toole, Richard Shields and Charlotte Davis for the sum of \$1. The agreement requires the buyers to move the building from its Bradley Street site by May 1, 1981.

— Were informed in a letter from the state Division of Water Pollution Control that the town may apply for reimbursement of up to half of the cost of chlorine and other chemicals used to treat the town's water. The board referred the letter to the attention of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scollaro.

— Were informed in a letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that its Nov. 20 inspection of rip-rap structures on the Housatonic River had shown them to be in satisfactory condition.

— Moved to turn down a request from Leo J. LaFontana of Great Barrington to attend a meeting in that town dealing with regional disposal of solid waste. "The town of Lee has no interest in joining regional refuse disposal at this time, but we may be interested in future," DeVarennes said.

— Announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals is seeking associate members to serve on the board. Interested persons are directed to contact the Selectmen's office.



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trial development commission, \$100 for the Finance Committee, \$300 for the VFW, \$1,000 for Memorial Day, \$375 for Christmas lights (to be paid for by merchants), \$100 to update the town's master plan, and \$450 for the Southern Berkshire Community Action office in Lee. Sums

of \$800 and \$1,040 set aside for the town's copy and postal machines would be reduced to cover only maintenance costs. DeVarennes said the Selectmen will meet soon with the Finance Committee to determine whether these proposals are practicable.

Selectmen propose 'user's fees' for

LEE — The Selectmen, faced with the task of lopping 15 percent off town budgets for fiscal year 1982 in anticipation of Proposition 2½, agreed in principle Monday to the idea that residents should be charged "user's fees" for all town services that benefit them individually, instead of the town as a whole. Reflecting upon the severe limitations that this 15 percent reduction will impose upon departmental budgets, Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said, "I don't know how we're going to pay secretarial posts

for boards which meet every week." The expenses of these secretaries, he speculated, might have to be paid by the persons whose business was being dealt with by the boards.

Glancing at a printout of this year's budget, DeVarennes noted that the town's building in-

spector is paid \$2,700, the dog officer \$650, the wire inspector \$800, the gas inspector \$150 and the sealer of weights and measures \$850.

Arguing that the town could not afford to maintain these services, DeVarennes proposed that each of these officials be

empowered to charge a flat fee for services rendered to each resident.

Rather than pay \$6,300 to maintain the sandy beach at Laurel Lake, DeVarennes said the town might charge each resident a user's fee for bathing there.

"We should put user fees on every thing that does not service all of the townspeople," DeVarennes said. Selectman William M. Murphy added, "I agree absolutely."

Other outright cuts from the budget proposed by DeVarennes include \$100 for the town's indus-

You've Come A Long Way, Dina

Lee Has A New Family... But It Wasn't Easy

By Martha Nordstrom

LEE — Dina Marie Floridama Enser is a beautiful and self-possessed young girl. With rich black hair and a bubbly nature, she is a daughter any mother would be proud of.

And Anne Enser of School Street, her adoptive mother, is proud of her 8-year-old.

"She's a very independent child and she picks up things real fast," she says.

Indeed, since March, Dina has had a lot to pick up. She arrived in this country on March 15 from El Salvador, the country of her origin. When she arrived at age 7½, she was weak and under weight and she spoke no English. Her hair was cropped short — it had been cut off by the foster family she had lived with in El Salvador before coming to this country.

Dina's family history is unclear. She was one of a large family that had been deserted by the father. She eventually ended up in the home of a pediatrician in El Salvador and was released for adoption.

Ms. Enser said she records all of Dina's memories of her childhood in a notebook so that when she gets older she will have a record of her past. Ms. Enser said she thinks Dina's original family was a good Christian one and for that Ms. Enser is pleased.

Ms. Enser, who teaches 3rd Grade at the Otis Consolidated School, decided about three years ago that she wanted to adopt a child. She is not married and the decision to adopt was not an easy one. "It took two years to convince my parents that it was the right thing to do."

Single-parent adoptions are



Stephen Fay

Anne and Dina Enser in front of their house in School Street in Lee.

complicated. For one thing there are very few healthy infants placed for adoption each year and those children are reserved for infertile couples who have no other children. Single people who decide to adopt have a hard time finding children.

"I had to find Dina myself," she says.

She found Dina through a woman from El Salvador who knew the pediatrician. But even

then, it wasn't a simple process. Ms. Enser found out about Dina in November but it wasn't until March that Dina arrived.

In the meantime she had to go through a home study by an agency from this country.

The whole process cost \$4,000. That included the fee for the home study, legal fees in both the United States and El Salvador and transportation for Dina.

"I had to send money for

clothes for her to travel in. When she arrived she was wearing shoes two sizes too small."

Within one day of Dina's arrival in this country, Beth Malone, Ms. Enser's sister who lives upstairs in the same house, gave birth to a boy.

"My parents became grandparents twice within 21 hours," said Ms. Enser.

William and Elizabeth Enser, who live next door to their daughter and granddaughter, are called "Abuelo" and "Abuela" (Spanish for "grandfather" and "grandmother") by Dina and they plan to encourage other grandchildren to do the same. But other than that, Dina has stopped speaking Spanish and has become fluent in English, right down to idiomatic — and downright hip — expressions.

Yet Ms. Enser hopes she can instill in Dina a pride in her past.

"She is a Mayan Indian. Unfortunately her image of Indians is what she sees on television. I have a lot to do to make her proud of her heritage."

The adoption became official in November and in the spring Dina, who is a 1st grader at St. Mary's School, will probably become a naturalized American citizen. But Ms. Enser, who has traveled quite a bit, hopes that when Dina is 14 or 15 the two of them will be able to take a trip to El Salvador.

In the meantime, Dina has adopted many American customs — including eyes-bigger-than-stomach syndrome.

"Before she saw the turkey on Thanksgiving she told us she was going to eat the whole thing," her mother said, "but after she saw the size of it she settled on a drum stick."

Lee sets hearings on budget cuts

LEE — The Selectmen announced Monday a schedule of hearings they will conduct in coming weeks with the Finance Committee and town officials to establish departmental budgets for the 1982 fiscal year.

The Selectmen determined they will meet Feb. 25 with representatives of the Fire, Police and Health departments, the Council on Aging and the Lee Ambulance Squad; March 4, with the Department of Public Works; March 11, with the School Committee; March 18, to discuss miscellaneous budget items, including town insurance policies and pensions; and March 25, to evaluate general government expenses.

The meetings will all be held at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Town Hall.

"Let's be realistic," said Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes. "This is where the budgets are going to be made up."

Despite the Selectmen's standing order to all town departments to cut their budgets by 15 percent, DeVarennes said, he expected none of the departments to submit a budget adhering to that order.

"About 87 percent of that is salaries," he said. "If you don't cut there, then where are you going to get it from?"

Reducing the budget for the town switchboard may necessitate the elimination of two of the switchboard's three eight-hour shifts, DeVarennes said. Or, he said, the three shifts may be replaced with a single 12-hour shift from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to cover the busiest period of the day.

DeVarennes said the Selectmen will consult with Town Counsel Jerome Scully to see if "ground rules" may be established for the conduct of the May 14 annual town meeting. One of these ground rules, DeVarennes suggested, would be to require that any increase voted in a given account would have to be balanced by an equal reduction in another account.

Other action

In other action, the Selectmen:

— Appointed Dog Officer James J. Castronova Jr. as a special police officer. The appointment, the board ruled, was intended to enable Castronova to

carry out his duties on private property. It does not confer upon him any police powers.

— Received a letter from the Goose Pond Voters Association complaining of the town's unabated consumption of water from the pond, and urging that the board impose water conservation restrictions upon residents before the pond "is reduced to a mud puddle." DeVarennes said that in ordering the DPW to post restrictions on the use of outside hoses the board had met the Association's request.

— Was informed by Carol LePrevost of the Lee Youth Association that interviews of candidates for the post of director of the Lee Youth Commission will be conducted Saturday at a place and time to be determined. Hiring of the director, she said, will be completed by March 1.

— Announced that Bart D. Barry Jr., district manager of Northeast Utilities, will appear before the board Feb. 23 at 7:30 to discuss the company's "long-range plans" and its proposed 19 percent hike in electric rates.

"We're going to have to cut some of them back to 15 percent," he said, "and if we add money to one account we're going to have to figure out where the money is coming from."

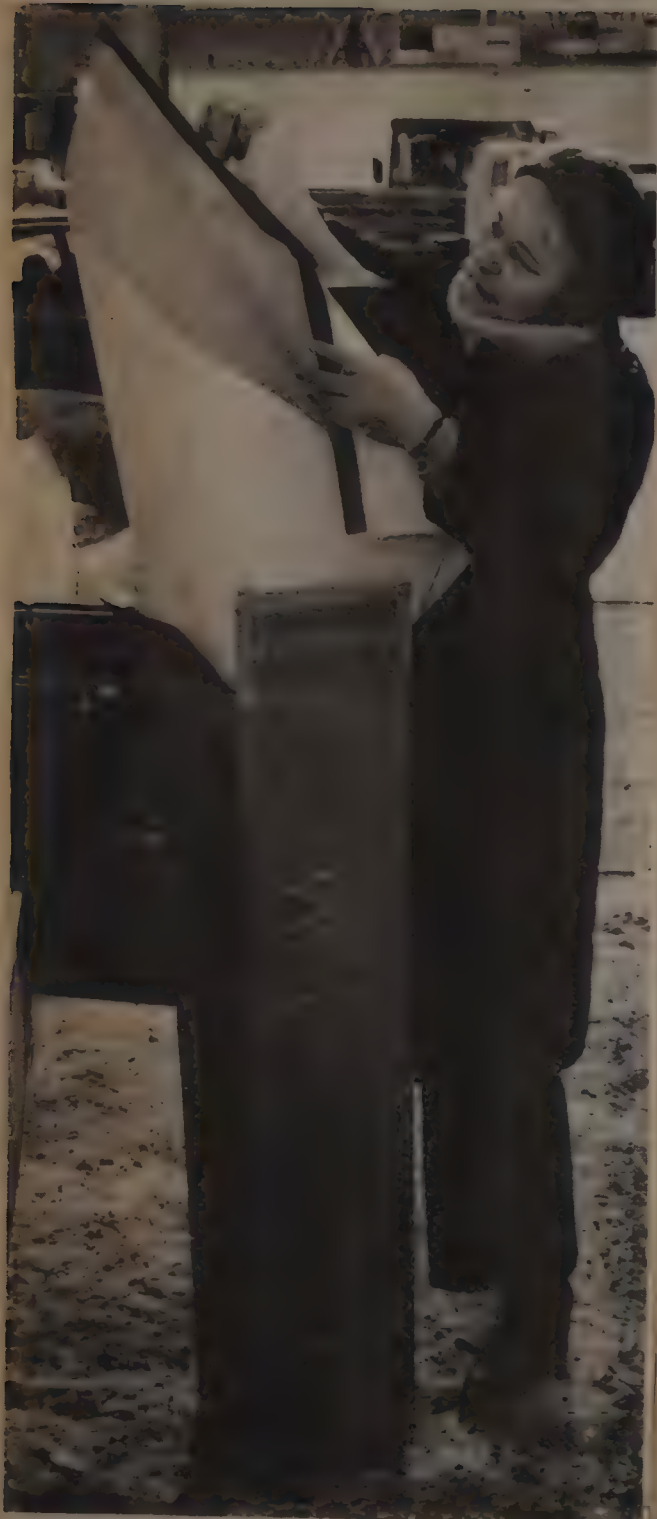
DeVarennes said the Police Department, Fire Department, town switchboard and ambulance budgets will present the greatest difficulties to town boards faced with the necessity of slashing services to satisfy the \$462,927 cut in the town budget mandated by the state Department of Revenue under Proposition 2½.

The \$204,000 earmarked for the Police Department this year, DeVarennes noted, represented the town's third-largest budget.

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Name in the News

Scholar of the arts



Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE SELECTMAN Maria D. Bettega looks incredulously at one of six copies of a draft flood insurance study for the town sent to her attention yesterday by the federal Emergency Management Agency. Arriving at the town's post office on Eaton Street to take delivery of the study, Mrs. Bettega found that the paperwork filled a box 8 inches by 8 inches by 3½ feet and weighed over 15 pounds.

The first art curator at the Berkshire Museum in 40 years has what might be called an all-encompassing love for her subject.

Debra Bricker Balken's enthusiasm for art propelled her through the master's degree program at the University of Chicago with a 4-point average on course work and her M.A. examination and garnered her various fellowships and awards. She writes reviews for art publications; for enjoyment, she lists museum- and gallery-going, and she is married to an artist.

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Mrs. Balken, 26, and a native of Montreal, is the first to hold the curatorial post since 1939, when Stuart Henry moved into the director's office. Henry had come to the museum as curator in 1931. The post is funded partly by a \$6,000 grant from the state Council on the Arts and Humanities, the only grant of its type the museum has received, according to director Gary Burger.

The grant expires in June, and Burger said he plans to explore various avenues for money to maintain the position. Previous council grants have been smaller ones for technical assistance, rather than the substantial financial assistance grant announced last August, Burger said.

Mrs. Balken's job will entail responsibility for both the museum's permanent collection and for its visiting exhibitions. As she describes it, she will document, research and record items in the permanent collection, advise on purchases, and prepare and arrange changing shows. Exhibitions for the six months after she began work Dec. 1 have already been planned, she said, but she will start lining up those to follow. That timetable dictates a tight schedule, as a curator normally works a year in advance, she said.

She said she plans to emphasize the strong suits of the museum's collection, particularly the 19th century Hudson River school, and 18th and 19th century primitive portraits. She also plans temporary exhibits to appeal to a variety of tastes, and she acknowledged that her husband's work makes her more aware of current work than she might otherwise be.



Susan Plageman

Mrs. Balken: Loves her subject

Art soon became her primary interest at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, where she received her B.A. with first class honors in art history in 1977. Along with her studies, she was assistant director of the student art gallery. Previously, she was a student assistant at the university art gallery, helping organize and produce exhibits. As the recipient of the William Dickson graduate traveling fellowship, in 1978 she did post-graduate work at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She was also an intern at the National Gallery of Scotland, where she lectured on 19th century Romantic painting. During her studies at the University of Chicago, she worked part time as a researcher at the Art Institute of Chicago, where she researched the collection of Winslow Homer paintings for a forthcoming catalogue on American art.

In tune with her medieval specialty, she spent the summer of 1979 as an intern in the medieval department of the Metro-

politan Museum of Art, N.Y., where she wrote the material for the exhibition of sculpture from the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris and researched allied sculpture from the department's collection. The sculpture in that exhibition had been unearthed during renovations of a house on the Ile-de-France, where they had reposed since the Revolution, when the crowned figures were mistaken for those of French, rather than Old Testament kings, she recalls.

She writes reviews for art publications, such as Arts New England, which contains two in this month's issue.

Her coloring reflecting her Norwegian grandmother, Mrs. Balken grew up primarily in Montreal. The family has since moved to Alberta, where her father is director of the government agency designed to cope with natural disasters for that province. Her enthusiasm is evidently infectious, as her brother is following in her path studying art history.

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She and her husband, Beck Balken, who produces large abstract canvases with sheet metal projections, live on Mill Road, North Egremont. They met in Montreal while he was at the Sir George Williams University and she was in her last year at the affiliated high school. After they married two years ago, she embarked on her studies in Chicago while he worked in New York City. They spent one weekend a month together in Egremont, where he had summered since childhood. She spent the next year shuttling between Egremont and New York while she wrote her thesis and studied for her examinations.

Permanent residents of Berkshire County for the past year and a half, the Balkens will retain their New York apartment to enable him to be near the galleries.

Burger said that Mrs. Balken's hiring would ensure that the museum's permanent collection will receive continual attention. "She has both a solid grounding in scholarly methodology and an interest and knowledge of contemporary art. It's a rather unusual combination, and for us, it's perfect."

"She's a rather remarkable find."



Mark Mitchell

BLOOD PRESSURE test is given Regina Plona of Housatonic by Barbara Unsworth, R.N., during Health Life Expo '81 at St. Peter's Youth Center in Great Barrington.

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Nathan L. Wilbur

TOY BUYER Saul Rubenstein of Kay-Bee Toy and Hobby Inc. stands by a stack of bowling games in the company's Lee warehouse. The company distributes toys to 214 Kay-Bee retail stores throughout the country.

Toys are serious for a Lee buyer

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Han Solo's spaceship, a "Strawberry Shortcake" doll and electronic games that blink and beep are the stuff of children's Christmas dreams this year. But for Saul Rubenstein, senior vice president and toy buyer for Kay-Bee Toy and Hobby Inc., each of these new playthings represents a big business gamble.

Rubenstein's base of operations is Kay-Bee's cavernous, 90,000-square-foot warehouse on Route 102. Built in 1972, the warehouse contains the company's offices and distributes 85 percent of the merchandise sold by Kay-Bee to its 214 retail outlets throughout the country.

Kay-Bee, he noted, employs 214 workers in its Lee warehouse and about 3,000 nationwide. A Berkshire retail outlet is situated in the Allendale Shopping Center in Pittsfield.

The company was founded in the late 1940s by Joseph and Harry Kaufman. It distributed toys wholesale to a variety of

dealers until a second generation of Kaufmans decided in the mid-1960s to distribute toys only to their own retail stores, the first of which was opened in 1961.

Kay-Bee's corporate hierarchy consists of Howard Kaufman, president, Richard Kaufman, executive vice president for data processing, Donald Kaufman, vice president for shipping, and Rubenstein.

"We're the largest toy chain in number of units in the world," Rubenstein said, pushing a black plastic toy car across his desk. "We do about \$100 million in business in a \$5 billion industry."

Plays no favorites

Rubenstein acknowledged that he can't afford to have any special feelings for toys. "I probably buy more toys than anyone in the world," he said. Scratching his head, he added, "About 200 million units a year, I think."

His buying responsibilities begin early each calendar year, when manufacturers display their new toys at the annual American Toy Fair in New York City. The 1981 fair is scheduled for Feb. 13.

"The fair marks the introduction to the toy season," Rubenstein said. "That's when we begin to make our plans."

Computer link

After placing orders for toys with manufacturers, Rubenstein said, Kay-Bee's regional supervisors visit the chain's retail stores to take inventory and orders from the store managers. This information, he said, is recorded on key-punch cassette recorders. It is then relayed

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over a telephone hookup to the company's central computer in Lee.

The computer produces a printout of all orders, Rubenstein continued. Trucks then deliver toys from Kay-Bee's Lee warehouse to the stores and pick up shipments of toys bought from manufacturers on their return trips.

"It's a relaxed time right now, because all of the buying decisions were made long ago," Rubenstein said, leaning back in his desk chair. "The busy time is January through April, when I'm buying all of the toys for the next Christmas season."

What criteria influence Rubenstein's decision to buy a toy?

Most important, he said, is "the manufacturer's performance record in advertising, especially with games. What has that manufacturer done with magazine and newspaper write-ups and television to distinguish that game from the other thousand on the shelf?"

Second in importance, Rubenstein said, is packaging. "All of these toys come in boxes," he said. "The box should be eye-catching and attractive, and explain what's inside and what it does."

Quality of design and manufacture is next on the list, he said. "You have to figure what's the best value for a customer, like a Tonka truck as opposed to another toy truck."

Finally, Rubenstein favors merchandise whose brand names sell themselves. "I buy Crayola crayons and Fisher-Price toys. They may cost a little more, but they sell well because people know they're made well."

When asked if he buys with an eye toward product safety, Rubenstein said the responsibility for a toy's safety is borne by the manufacturer.

"We'd like to make toys perfectly safe, but we don't know how people are going to use a toy, or whether they'll give it to a child of the wrong age. It's like giving an erector set to a one-year-old."

He acknowledged, however, that consumer protection organizations have succeeded in "clearing a lot of bad merchandise off the market."

Rubenstein observed that in some respects the toy market hasn't changed since he joined

Kay-Bee in 1955 as a wholesale salesman covering New York state.

"The hottest new toys when I started were Scrabble, an aluminum snow coaster, a mechanical shooting galley and a Remco radio station which beeped out Morse code," he said.

There were "no surprises" in this year's toy market, he said, noting that "basic games like Scrabble and Monopoly have been selling excellently, and Barbie dolls, which came in in the '60's, have been having their best year ever."

From the standpoint of new toys, electronic games, with their chirping sounds and blink-

ing light-emitting diodes, "are leading the pack in sales," Rubenstein said. Hand-held sports games start at about \$15, he said, while games with more complex functions run as high as \$70.

Kenner's line of toys and dolls associated with the Star Wars films has sold famously, Rubenstein said. A plastic model of Han Solo's Millennium Falcon spacecraft sells for \$35. Individual Star Wars figures are more modestly priced at \$2 apiece.

Another hot item, he said, was "Strawberry Shortcake," a trademark character originated by the American Greeting Card Co. which had been adapted by

Kenner into a \$5 doll and a \$4 board game.

Regardless of his success in anticipating the toy market this year, Rubenstein will find himself back to square one once the holiday season has run its course.

"Toys are a fashion industry," he said, smiling ruefully. "It's like ladies' dresses — you buy them at one length, the length changes and you have to get rid of them."

"Manufacturers bring out new toys, spend about \$100 million in advertising, and make the old ones obsolete," he continued. "We just have to keep up with what people want."

Bank head says 'one' is suspect

LEE — Richard E. Sitzer, president of Lee Savings Bank on Park Street, said Saturday that "only one suspect" among the bank's employees has been connected by investigators with a shortfall of monies in the bank's accounts discovered last week.

Sitzer took issue with an article in Saturday's Eagle which reported state Deputy Banking Commissioner Paul E. Bulman as saying that Lee Savings had given him the names of several suspects in the case.

"We feel the article was incorrect," Sitzer said. "The name of only one suspect was given to Mr. Bulman and there are no other officers or employees of the bank involved."

Sitzer said the bank's auditors, in conjunction with representatives from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Massachusetts Savings General Fund, are conducting a thorough review of the bank's records. He said he expected the investigation would be completed in about two weeks.

Bulman said Friday that he was "sure" that criminal charges would be filed as a result of the investigation.

According to Sitzer, Nelson W. Sparks of West Dale Road in Stockbridge, a treasurer at the bank, left the bank's employ April 13. Sitzer, however, declined to comment on whether Sparks is involved in the case.

Lee victims of harassment say religious bias is cause

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — For nearly a year and a half, Roland Lagueux of 722 Marble St. and his family have been harassed by bands of local youths. The reason, Lagueux maintains, is that his family are members of the Bible Speaks, the Lenox-based evangelical denomination.

"From the first day we moved here (in July of 1979), people have thrown rocks through our windows, slashed tires on our car, and blown up our mailbox with firecrackers," Lagueux said yesterday.

In addition, he said, youths have spray-painted white crosses on his residence and the slogan "Speakers go home" in white letters on a basketball court in a park across the street from the house.

"The last time was two and a half weeks ago, when they threw a bottle through our living room window when we were all sitting down," Lagueux, 47, said. He added that his wife Thaxter, 44, had been pelted with apples by youths when she left the house.

Lagueux said he had reported these incidents to the police, who told him "there was nothing they could do unless we caught them at it." The youths, he said, "just park their cars in front of the house, hang around the

park, and raise Cain."

Anthony J. Ruberto Jr., district attorney for Berkshire County, said last night he did not know enough about the case to discuss it.

"It's an unfortunate commentary on our lifestyle," he said.

Lagueux said Acting Police Chief Edward Finnegan, who lives in a neighboring house, "has been a great help to us. He's tried to catch the kids and has chased them away a couple of times."

Lagueux said he had enrolled at the Stevens School of the Bible in September 1979 with the intention of becoming a minister.

Mrs. Lagueux is employed as a nurse's aide at the Willowood Nursing Home in Great Barrington. Mr. and Mrs. Lagueux, both natives of Maine, have six children living with them, Catherine, 16, Richard, 16, Marlene, 15, Lisa, 13, David, 12, and Penny, 10, all attending Lee schools. The couple has six more children grown and living elsewhere.

The youths responsible for the vandalism "seem like nice kids," Lagueux said. "We've tried to make friends with them, and invited them into our house, but when they get together, that's when the trouble starts."

Referring to the religious prejudice demonstrated by the youths, he said, "Some of these kids have to get it from their parents. We're just like anybody else, we believe in the same God, and we realize this is a Catholic area, but we stay home and mind our own business."

Will press charges

Lagueux indicated, however, that his patience with the youths is at an end.

"We thought they would stop after a while if we didn't fight

back or complain, but that hasn't worked out," he said. "Now the kids know that if we catch them we'll press charges and take them to court."

Reached at his home, Acting Chief Finnegan confirmed that Lagueux "has definitely had problems." He acknowledged that the park across the street from Lagueux's house was a gathering spot for junior high and high school-aged youths, and that the youths had carried out the acts of vandalism cited by Lagueux.

"The guy has come to my house because he had problems with a few neighborhood kids," Finnegan said. "What you do is keep the neighborhood kids away."

"Any time there's a congregation of kids in that Marble (Street) field area, the (police) department moves them on or I personally move them on," Finnegan continued. "They will continue to be moved on, and if things happen there will be arrests made."

Speaking of Lagueux, Finnegan said, "He doesn't bother anybody. No matter what he is, the guy has a right to live."

"We don't dare leave the house at night, or go outside unless we have to," Lagueux said.

"We worry all the time when the kids leave for school. We can't believe that this can happen in the United States. You read about this happening in foreign countries, but you don't think that it could happen here, where you're supposed to be free to live and worship as you want. I guess you can't."

Lee school union votes 11-1 on supt.

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The three school committees of the Lee Superintendent's Union have voted 11-1 to recommend Vahan J. Khachadorian of Watertown for the post of superintendent of the union, which consists of Lee, Otis and Tyringham.

The Lee School Committee voted 4 to 1 last night, following caucuses held Monday by the Otis and Tyringham school committees, at which Khachadorian was selected by unanimous votes from both boards.

Kathleen Van Orman of the Tyringham School Committee reported yesterday that her board voted 3-0 in favor of Khachadorian, while the Otis committee, according to member Robert A. Clark, backed Khachadorian with a 4-0 vote.

The two other finalists interviewed Saturday by the three committees for the superintendent's post were Bernard V. Fallon of Milton and Frank P. Gifune Jr. of Marion.

Another vote pending

Three voting members from each of the three school committees will meet Friday at 7 p.m. at Lee High School to ratify Khachadorian's appointment as superintendent.

School Committee member William F. Tyer said both Khachadorian and Fallon were outstanding candidates. Tyer said he felt that if both were faced with a decision involving a choice between business or educational priorities, Fallon's actions "would be in the best interest of the school system," while Khachadorian's decisions

"would be more business-oriented."

Joseph C. Savery, another committee member, supported Khachadorian's candidacy, saying, "I liked his straightforwardness. He comes across as a decision-maker, which is what we need right now, and Fallon does not."

Ms. Tristany dissents

Marguerite M. Tristany, who cast the dissenting vote, spoke at length in support of Fallon. "He's well-organized, a realist, and firm in his convictions. Khachadorian doesn't seem as relaxed about his role as Fallon does."

Although committee member Henry Greiner said he "would feel confident with either candidate," he came out in favor of Khachadorian. Greiner said Khachadorian was "direct and to the point when he was asked a question. Fallon was more philosophical, and you really had to listen to see if the answer to the question was there."

Chairman John H. Dolan then called the committee to a vote. The board voted 3-2 in favor of Khachadorian, with Dolan, Savery and Greiner casting affirmative votes.

Tyer, who had backed Fallon, changed his vote to show his support for Khachadorian's appointment. Mrs. Tristany, who also voted for Fallon, refused to change her vote to make the board's selection of Khachadorian unanimous.

Asked by Greiner to do so, she said, "No, I know we should, but I have strong feelings on this, and I can't."

Tri-town Rotary plans campaign of education on water conservation

LEE — The Tri-Town Rotary Club will launch a leaflet campaign early next month to inform residents in Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge of ways to conserve water, Edward J. Cristiano, a director of the club, announced Thursday.

Cristiano said the club's effort to disseminate information on water conservation measures to homeowners will be three-fold.

First, he said, pamphlets will be distributed to students in the Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge schools. Second, banks in the tri-town area will be asked by Rotary Club member William Napolitano, president of Lee National Bank, to mail flyers to residents along with their statements. Finally, the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will request church organizations in the three towns to spread the word of conservation among their parishes.

Cristiano said that although

the Rotary Club had no intention of "butting into" the affairs of the three towns, "we're in a good position to assist the various boards who are interested in conservation in the area. Because of Proposition 2½, these boards don't have any money, so we'll take care of the financial problem of getting this info and putting it in the mail."

The Rotary Club, Cristiano said, will raise funds for printing and mailing of the pamphlets by sponsoring a cross-country ski festival, to be held Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Greenock Country Club on West Park Street.

Describing the event as "a family outing," Cristiano said ski races would be held over the country club's nine-hole golf course. Persons competing in the races will be given a playing card at each hole of the course.

Prizes will be awarded to the man, woman and child covering the course in the fastest time. In addition, he said, a prize will be given to the skier whose nine playing cards form the best poker hand.

Admission fees will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for children under 16, and \$5 for families. Cross-country skis will be available for rent at the country club, and food and beverages will be sold.

Cristiano said the Rotary Club planned to begin disseminating

its printed materials to area residents in early February. The club also plans to show a film illustrating home water conservation methods at a time and place to be announced, he said.

Asked why the Rotary Club had adopted this undertaking, Cristiano said, "We feel that the public is not fully aware of the seriousness of our water shortage, and is also not aware of the small things that can be done to conserve what we have."



Nathan L. Wilbur

SEWER LINE on the corner of Main and School streets in Lee is cleared yesterday by Department of Public Works employees Henry A. Loring (kneeling) and Kenneth J. LaBier.

Several of Lee's town offices being moved to Railroad St.

LEE — The Selectmen said Monday that all of the town offices on the second floor of the Town Hall may be relocated in the Airolldi Building on Railroad Street as a means of cutting heating and custodial costs.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said the transfer of offices for the town's veterans agent, conservation committee, department of public works, building inspector and planning board to the Airolldi Building would not take place until September, when the office of the superintendent of schools will be moved from the Airolldi Building to a portable classroom at Lee Central School.

The Town Hall is Lee's Civil War Memorial building next to the Congregational Church. The Airolldi building, on the site of a paper mill that burned in the 1930s, was built a few years ago to house the area distributorship of a snowmobile manufacturer. After the town took over the building, it was dedicated to the memory of the late Louis A. Airolldi, the town's longtime highway superintendent.

The recommendations cited by Mrs. Larmon and Williams were derived from preliminary energy audits of the buildings conducted last summer by Williams and staff members from the Center for Ecological Technology in Pittsfield. The five buildings audited were the Town Hall, the South Lee fire station, the central fire station, and two town garages.

Among the measures suggested by Williams were mount-

DeVarennes said the transfer of the offices had been considered by the board as a way to offset the impact of anticipated cuts in budgets for heating oil and custodial help brought about by Proposition 2½.

"It (the Airolldi Building) is easier maintained and heated, and it'll be easier to make it accessible to the handicapped," added Selectman Maria D. Bettega.

The Selectmen, DeVarennes said, were hopeful that with the Town Hall's upper floor cleared of offices, the building would be reconsidered by officials of Southern Berkshire District Court as an appropriate site for consolidation of the court's Lee and Great Barrington branches.

A report issued last November by a citizen's committee of South Berkshire business and civic leaders appointed by the court had recommended that the Lee and Great Barrington branches be combined at the Plaza Ford building on Route 7 in Great Barrington.

DeVarennes said that instead of closing off the second floor of the Town Hall, the town could rent the additional floor space to the court.

In other action Monday, Joanne S. Larmon and Edward J. Williams of the Lee Energy Commission presented the board with lists of low-cost measures for insulation of five town buildings.

ing of storm windows, boards or insulation over single-pane windows in these buildings, weatherstripping and caulking of cracks in doors and windows, and additional insulation in walls and ceilings.

DeVarennes said that although the Department of Public Works is faced with having to cut 15 percent from its budget for the 1982 fiscal year due to Proposition 2½, the town "will carry out as many of these things as we can." Paying the cost of heating uninsulated buildings, he said, "will be a growing problem with the town."

In other action, the Selectmen:

— Acknowledged with regret the resignation last week of Mary Ellen McDonald from the School Committee, and indicated that it would meet with the School Committee at its convenience to appoint a successor to serve out the remainder of her term.

— Voted to approve the granting of a one-day liquor license to the Fire Department for its Firemen's Ball to be held March 14 at St. Mary's School.

— Voted to send a letter to State Conservationist Sherman Lewis at the offices of the federal Soil Conservation Service in Amherst, informing him of the board's declaration of a water emergency in the town of Lee and requesting him to expedite development of the Washington Mountain Brook project.

Old-fashioned family doctor

GREAT BARRINGTON

The career of Dr. Richard F. Clarke has been fortuitous. It is a word he chooses in describing the progress of things, and it is appropriate.

Consider the following:

After graduating from Yale Medical School in 1974, he happened to choose to participate in a National Health Service Corps clinic in Schoharie County, N.Y., and found he liked family practice.

At that time, unlike now, it happened to be possible to take boards for family practice based on service of that sort.

In March of 1977, he happened to call Dr. Arthur Cassel of Great Barrington inquiring about available practices just as Cassel was considering retirement.

It happened that Cassel's associate, Dr. Edward Wyman, was also retiring, and in January of 1979 Clarke was able to acquire two practices instead of one.

Clarke, 32, has just been appointed medical examiner for Southern Berkshire. It is a post which was held by Cassel and, in a way, is part of the legacy left to Clarke.

Before taking over the practice, Clarke worked with Cassel for 15 months to assure a smooth transition. As a matter of course, Clarke became the associate medical examiner during Cassel's absences. On Tuesday he was sworn in by James Hickey of Great Barrington, the funeral home director who is also a qualifying commissioner, one authorized by the governor to administer oaths of office.

Although Clarke has gained a certain amount of recognition because his new position, he would prefer, he says, to be known for his contributions to the community as a family practitioner. In fact he would rather not be saddled with the duties of a medical examiner at all, but acknowledges it is an important service to the community.

"It is a responsibility for treating the dead with respect," Clarke says.

Years ago, the post was one some local doctors sought because it was a good way to get free advertising and establish one's



Steve Moore

Dr. Clarke: Fortuitous career

presence in the community. Now, according to Clarke, it is sometimes a problem to fill the position. In fact the assistant ME, the slot once filled by Clarke, is now empty and no one has come forward to volunteer.

As medical examiner, Clarke is charged with determining the cause of death of those who die under unusual circumstances. If the causes are found to be natural, a report to that effect is filed with the clerk of courts at the Great Barrington Town Hall. If a case is determined to be unusual, the district attorney in Pittsfield is also notified.

Clarke says he is called out five to 10 times a month, although in some cases he simply authorizes officials at the scene by phone to remove a body. He says it is a matter of judgment. In the old days, an ME had to be called if a person died in

bed of a broken hip. Clarke says he thinks there may still be a list of circumstances which require his presence but that in general he relies on judgment to decide whether he is really needed or not.

But Clarke's principal love is family practice. He says he has Yale to thank for fostering the idea in future doctors that there is more to the medical profession than the narrow specialties. He admits that if he had gone elsewhere he would probably have ended up as a cardiologist.

Of all the aspects of his practice, he likes adult care the best. That includes normal, healthy adults and geriatrics.

"It is gratifying to help geriatrics live a full life," Clarke says. "So many of them feel trapped by their illnesses."

He does a large amount of geriatric medicine, both at Willowood where he is the medical director — another legacy from Dr. Wyman — and at the other nursing homes in the area.

"How can I say it so it makes sense?" he says. "After a time you begin to become sensitive to the needs of the patients. You sense their needs and gain their confidence. It adds a whole dimension to the practice so that instead of just handing out medicine, you become a part of their lives."

Clarke is married to the former Pamela Valenti of Lee, whom he met at Boston College. Her local connection is the prime reason the Clarks now live in the Berkshires. They have two children, Richard J., 4, and Rachel, 2.

He is able to spend more time with them now, and he lists that as his main interest aside from his practice.

"I'm really an old-fashioned family man," he says. He sees the natural connection between the old-fashioned family man and the old-fashioned family practitioner. In fact, he says, the field is growing, although not in this part of the country. He just counts himself as lucky that he had the chance to discover it.

"I suppose my life sounds a little dull," he says, smiling, "but it's damn exciting."

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Nathan L. Wilbur

NEW OWNERS of the Morgan House in Lee, Mr. and Mrs. William Orford Jr. (first and third from left), confer with Lee Selectmen on the granting of a liquor license for the Main Street inn. Accompanying the Or-

fords were Bernard A. Judware (second from left), a Pittsfield real estate broker, and Pittsfield attorney Brian J. Quinn (right).

Morgan House liquor permit is renewed by Lee Selectmen

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New York couple buy Lee's Morgan House

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Morgan House on Main Street has been sold to a New York couple, who intend to reopen the 19th-century inn in mid-April.

Brian J. Quinn, a Pittsfield attorney, and Bernard A. Judware, a broker for Isgood Realty Inc. in Pittsfield, informed the Selectmen last night that the inn, owned by Maria Cole of Tyringham, had been sold to William and Elizabeth Quirk Orford of New York City. Quinn would not disclose the purchase price for the property, but Judware said the asking price for the inn was \$215,000.

Quinn said he and Judware were investigating how a transfer of the business's liquor license to the new owners might be expedited, since the availability of such a license was a

precondition of the sale.

John E. DeVarenes, chairman of the Selectmen, told Quinn that the board traditionally had reserved the liquor license employed by the inn for its use, even though persons seeking a liquor license while the inn had been shut down could legally have applied for it. "Right or wrong, we feel that the license belongs with the establishment," he said.

DeVarenes recommended that Quinn contact the state Alcohol Beverages Control Commission to determine whether the new owners should apply for a new license or have the license transferred to them from the former operators of the inn. In either event, he said, the town would support the new owners in re-establishing the business.

"We're delighted it's opening

up again," DeVarenes said, adding that the closing of the inn last spring had been "a great loss." Selectman William M. Murphy said, "It's the cornerstone of the town of Lee."

Quinn told the board Mr. and Mrs. Orford could not attend the Selectmen's meeting because they were married Saturday at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge and were on their honeymoon.

Maria Cole, widow of singer Nat King Cole, purchased the property in 1974. The building was built in the early 1800s as a private residence by William Potter, who moved to Lee in 1817. He lived in it until 1853, when Edwin Morgan converted the structure to a stagecoach inn.

Guesthouse

In a written statement released through Quinn, the Orfords indicated they planned to run the inn as an overnight guesthouse, as well as a restaurant. They said they would begin hiring a staff for the inn this month.

During March and early April, renovations to the interior of the building will be carried out, they said. The building's exterior will be painted in the spring, they said, and the inn will be opened for business by mid-April.

Mrs. Orford, the former Elizabeth Quirk of Dalton, is the daughter of Eugene and Dina Quirk of Stockbridge. After graduating from the College of New Rochelle (N.Y.) with a degree in economics, she was employed for 2½ years by Salomon Brothers, an international investment banking and brokerage firm in New York City.

Her husband William, a graduate of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., was employed for the past 12 years as director of information services for Salomon Brothers. He is a native of Mahopac, N.Y.



MORGAN HOUSE in Lee is on Main Street opposite Memorial Hall.

Law firm in Lee gets a new partner

LEE — Sarah H. Bell of Lenox has become a full partner in the Main Street law firm of Hannon, Lerner, Cowhig & Scully.

Mrs. Bell, 51, received her law degree last spring from Western New England College School of Law in Springfield. She was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar last December.

Her partnership in the Lee law firm became official Jan. 1.

From 1967 to 1976, Mrs. Bell served as a legal secretary for Charles R. Alberti, a Lenox lawyer and town counsel, until Alberti's appointment as a District Court judge. She worked in the same capacity for the lawyer who took over Alberti's practice, Philip F. Heller, until 1977.

She then became a legal secretary at the Lee law firm, a post in which she continued while attending law school.

Mrs. Bell has been involved in environmental issues and active in Lenox town government. She has served as a member of the Lenox Planning Board, Regional Solid Waste Committee and Lenox Growth Policy Committee, as a delegate to the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, and as chairman of the commission's legislative committee.

She is now an assistant land-use consultant for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission in Pittsfield, a member of the state Department of Environmental Management and the board of the Lenox Department of Public Works.

Mrs. Bell was married in 1950 to William F. Bell, city editor of The Berkshire Eagle. They reside at 84 Taconic Ave. in Lenox, and have four children.

The law firm of which Mrs.



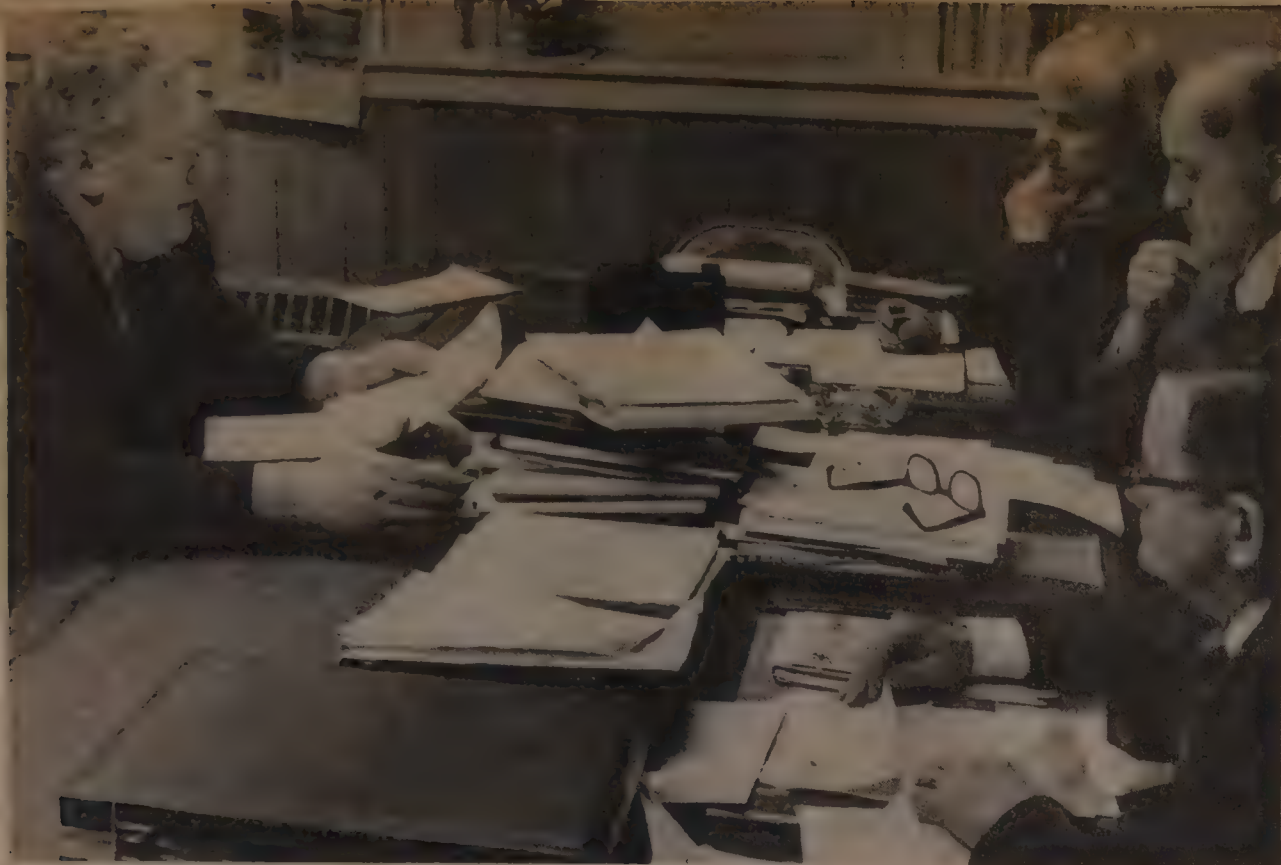
Nathan L. Wilbur
Sarah H. Bell

Bell is now a partner was founded in 1968 by Maurice I. Lerner, James E. Hannon and James P. Dohoney.

Of the three founders, Hannon died in 1971, Dohoney left the firm last March to accept an appointment to a judgeship in the South Berkshire District, and Lerner retired last December.

Active members of the firm, in addition to Mrs. Bell, are Hugh C. Cowhig of Lenox and Jerome J. Scully of Lee.

The firm now becomes Hannon, Lerner, Cowhig, Scully and Bell.



Nathan L. Wilbur

CO-CHAIRMAN of the issues committee of the Berkshire County Republicans Association, Raymond R. Brinker, left, urges the Lee Selectmen to lend their support to resolutions supporting the amendment of

Proposition 2½ by state legislators. The Selectmen, from left, are Maria D. Bettega, John E. DeVarennas and William M. Murphy. The board said it would back Brinker's resolutions.

Lee's water rates to rise 50%

LEE — The Department of Public Works voted unanimously last night to increase town water rates due April 1 by 50 percent to raise \$25,000 to cover the cost of past and future emergency measures taken by the DPW to meet the town's water shortage.

David M. Parker, chairman of the DPW, said that pending the approval of Town Counsel Jerome Scully the second-half billing for water will be hiked from \$22.50 to \$33.75. Parker said these were general figures, and that water rates paid by individual consumers would vary depending on the number of faucets in use on their properties.

Persons paying their water bills within 10 to 15 days will re-

ceive a 10 percent discount, he said.

In a memorandum to the Selectmen, the DPW enumerated the expenses incurred during the town's continuing water emergency.

The costs of connecting the town's water lines to Goose Pond and Washington Mountain Brook were \$6,000 and \$4,000 respectively. Hooking up water lines to Laurel Lake will cost another \$8,000.

The price of electric power to pump water from Laurel Lake will be \$1,000 a month for the four months remaining in the 1981 fiscal year, or \$4,000. Tests to ascertain the feasibility of obtaining water from wells on the George VanZandt and Edward

Briggs properties in Lee will cost an additional \$3,000.

Parker said Scully had informed the DPW that under the conditions of a declared water emergency the board was empowered to take whatever measures were necessary to secure sources of water for the town. He also noted that the DPW was the town's water "rate-setting authority."

In other water news, the DPW told the Selectmen that water consumption in town had climbed to 1.3 million gallons per day from the 1.1 million gallons reported a week ago, in spite of the boards' appeals to residents to conserve water.

Selectman Maria D. Bettega reacted angrily to the news, saying, "It's unbelievable. People aren't doing anything.

All they do is bitch about it."

The DPW also reported that due to a 20-foot drop in the water level at Goose Pond since the DPW began pumping water from Goose Pond Brook Dec. 1, the DPW had cut its draw of water from the brook from 300,000 gallons of water a day to 100,000 gallons.

"That's a real blow," Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennas said.

The water level in the town's Upper Reservoir on Coddington Brook had risen two feet to 20 feet below the dam's spillway, the DPW said. However, the board noted that reserves of water in the reservoir were sufficient to meet the town's needs only until the end of March if there is no significant rainfall in the meantime.

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LEE RESERVOIR level was down about 20 feet from the full mark when this picture was taken Saturday. Town also is drawing water from Washington

Mountain Brook and from Goose Pond to reduce consumption from this source, which is the main supply. In reserve is possibility of drawing on Laurel Lake.

Frank V. McCarthy

New Lenox pastor welcomes extension of religion into outside community

By Randy Banner

LENOX — The difference between the sacred and the secular is a fine distinction for the Rev. Duncan R. McQueen, new rector of Trinity Episcopal Church. As a man who has directed ministries from Fiji to Worcester, McQueen sees the church going through a metamorphosis which will bring it closer to the society in which it functions.

"It traditionally has been that the church was a place where people could come to worship, be involved in group functions and socialize with friends and neighbors," says Mr. McQueen, who appears at first glance to be a cross between Friar Tuck and Charleton Heston.

Mr. McQueen observes that while "religiousness" was once confined to what went on only on church property, people, and the church, are now coming to realize that the role of religion extends to one's "personal ministry with the world." "If one goes to the Statehouse and lobbies for fair housing laws in the name of God, as one of my former parishioners did, that's a religious act too," he comments.

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Mr. McQueen was born March 13, 1929, in Garden City, N.Y., and attended public schools there. He received his undergraduate degree from Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, in 1946. From 1950 to 1951, he was a junior high school instructor in civics and English in Zanesville, Ohio.

He entered General Seminary in New York City in 1951 and subsequently served as curate of St. Martha's Church in Providence, R.I., pastor of St. Mary's Church in Warwick Neck, R.I., and then dean of the Cathedral in Suva, Fiji, part of the diocese of Polynesia. Most recently he was pastor of St. Matthew's Church in Worcester.

While in Fiji, an experience of which he speaks with great fondness, the new rector was responsible for the construction of new classrooms in the church school, the refurbishing of existing school buildings and the completion of construction of the cathedral itself. However, he maintains that his greatest accomplishment while in the South Pacific was that of bringing people of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds together to form a "family parish."

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Coming back to the United States in 1974, Mr. McQueen was struck most by the sense of alienation among people in general and within families in particular. He believes that waning economic conditions, which he expects to see increase throughout the coming decade, will serve to alleviate the proliferation of this kind of social detachment.

"Something that is happening now," he



Randy Banner
Rev. Duncan R. McQueen

says, "and which sounds paradoxical, is that the American people are going to enjoy a diminished standard of living, contrary to what President Reagan says."

"It will be a beneficial thing, I think, in that it will force us to look at the more homey things of life. It will make us recognize the reality we've sloughed over in our quests for material possessions. If gasoline reaches two bucks a gallon, people are not going to travel. Husbands will be forced to stay home with their wives. Families will be forced to do things together. Although some might see this as a diminishment of our lifestyle, I think, spiritually, it will be a boon."

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His wife, the former Patricia Ann Thompson of Rochester, N.Y., is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College with a degree in physics. They have four children, Stephanie, 21, a senior at Mount Holyoke College; and Laurie, 15, Andrew, 13, and James, 11, all attending Lenox schools.

The first impression which the pastor says he has gotten of Lenox is one of sociability and diversity in its residents.

"I've been very grateful that the refurbishing of the rectory was not finished when we first got here," he said.

"Although logistically, it was a pain in the you know where, it has given me the opportunity to meet some of the characters in the community. They're nuts. They're nutty, interesting, wonderful people. And each has his own contribution to make to the totality of life. One of the things I've also discovered about the craftspeople that work in town is that they work when they want to and at their own speed. And no matter what you do,

this will not be changed. So you accept it. But I also like it because it betrays a reality there which is good."

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In this regard, he sees a special need for discretion and tact on the part of clergy because of the town's intimate nature.

"To be able to have a bit of political savvy, sensitivity and empathy and to be able to keep one's eyes and ears opened is going to be more important for the parson in a town like Lenox than it was in Worcester," he says.

"There, for the most part, the people who ran the city didn't give a damn about what the clergy felt. The church's biggest connection to government was to give the benediction before the city council meeting to give the stamp of approval to all that baloney. But here, because of size, lives have to interact more. This means that people, including the parson, have to be more closed-mouthed and not too verbal unless there's really something to say. "I've never lived in a place before where everyone knew everyone else. I can sometimes say very stupid things; you know, hoof-in-mouth disease. I can also be glib, not intentionally, but it comes across that way. Now, I will have to be more aware of the things I do and say."

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As for his plans for directing the church itself, the new rector feels that in order for the parish to be of greatest value to both its members and the community, it will have to become a "people's ministry." In this way, he believes, the destiny of Trinity can be determined by all of those who worship there, rather than by the "unilateral decision of its spiritual leader."

"What I would like to do here at Trinity is to free people to minister to other people using their talents and their abilities," he says.

"They should be free to do this without 'father's' always tacit approval. This is their ministry, a concept that is beginning to manifest itself throughout the church. But it is also something that has been terribly threatening to clergy. With a whole bunch of people doing all the ministering, what is the parson supposed to do? We've been brought up in an activist land where non-activistic things such as meditation, prayer, study and walking in the woods are frowned upon.

"But there has to be someone who's in touch with the source. Not in a holier than thou way or lost in some ivory tower someplace, but someone who will have a sense of spiritual detachment that he can draw upon to communicate strength to others. In my time here, I hope I can be part of that process."

2½ takes hold:

Sports powwow sees cuts

By Bob McDonough

Reduce schedules, eliminate third-level programs, cut back the number of referees, increase ticket prices, combine transportation and play seven-inning baseball games — these are some of the steps the Berkshire County Principals' Association yesterday agreed may be necessary to preserve the county's interscholastic athletic programs in the wake of Proposition 2½.

The effect of Proposition 2½ on high school sports has already been felt in Lee, where some basketball and hockey games have been eliminated, and in Pittsfield, where junior high programs and junior varsity coaching positions have met the ax in recent weeks.

With further cuts on the horizon, the county high school principals and athletic

directors met yesterday in Lee to try to arrive at some common objectives that will help preserve interscholastic sports in Berkshire County.

About 25 school officials from 12 high schools in the county attended the luncheon meeting at the Lee Bowling Lanes, headquarters of the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative's food service program.

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The principals approved several measures for the spring sports season to save an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000 for the county schools. Those measures included limiting all spring sports to league contests, combining tennis team transportation with softball or baseball teams whenever possible, and restricting base-

ball games to seven innings.

The group spent the bulk of the four-hour session discussing ways to preserve the county high school athletic structure should more drastic cuts be necessary when cities and town feel the full blow of the reduction in excise tax revenues after the first of the year.

The principals and athletic directors agreed they would prefer to cut athletic programs by a percentage or specific money amount rather than by eliminating an entire sport, as has been generally feared.

Edwin R. Grady, director of physical education and athletics in the Pittsfield school system, said he would go along with eliminating an entire sports pro-

Cuts seen for school sports
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Lee weatherization store closes, may reopen later in Pittsfield

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Jay Savery, owner of the Weatherization Warehouse on Main Street, said yesterday the store has gone out of business.

The store's operations have been "temporarily suspended" until it can be relocated in Pittsfield and "better business conditions are available," Savery said.

The business, opened by Savery just over a year ago, combined the retail sale of do-it-yourself energy-saving devices with the installation of home insulation that formerly was carried out by En-Con of the Berkshires Inc., Savery's first company. When the store opened for business, both services were marketed under the new corporate name, Weatherization Warehouse Inc.

Asked what had prompted the closing of the store, Savery said, "We were victims of the economy."

Savery said there had been "a real dropoff in business after the Christmas holidays. Money's been very tight, and people have been saving to pay fuel bills. It's been costing us too much money just to stay open."

Business climate

Savery also cited a "poor business climate" on Lee's Main Street as another contributing factor in his decision to cease operations.

Savery said he intended to reopen a retail store in the Pittsfield area, and resume residential installation of insulation "in a month or so when the weather breaks."

"Tax refunds will be coming back, and people will have money to invest in energy conservation," he said. "The economy will get better as a whole, interest rates will come down, and spring's the traditional time for home improvements anyway."

The Lee store closed its doors last Wednesday. Since then, Savery said, he has been removing all unsold merchandise from the shop and putting it into storage.

Savery said he had looked at "three or four" potential sites for the store in Pittsfield, adding that "nothing's been firmed up yet."

Savery has actively supported the use of urea-formaldehyde foam by insulating contractors, and has fought the statewide ban on the sale of the foam imposed November 1979 by Dr. Alfred L. Frechette, state public

health commissioner.

Last November, the state Department of Public Health (DPH) issued regulations requiring insulation manufacturers to pay for removal of the foam if customers provided proof of health problems suffered after it had been installed in their homes.

An association of contractors who have insulated houses with the foam will file suit today in Suffolk County Superior Court to request a restraining order preventing DPH from enforcing these regulations, Savery said.

He added that the regulations, which require confirmation of a customer's claims of formaldehyde poisoning by a licensed physician, were "unconstitutional and arbitrary."

Asked if he would use the foam when his business resumes its insulating operations in Pittsfield, Savery said, "I don't honestly know."

"I'm not really sure what kind of a market there will be for the foam if the ban is lifted and it becomes legal again to install," he said. "It'll take as long as three years for the market to come back."



William E. Mahan

TRAINS STILL STOPPED at Lee Railroad Station when this photo was taken in 1955.

Lee's former railroad station to be converted to restaurant

By Nathan Wilbur

LEE — The former railroad station on Railroad Street, which has been the headquarters of the Barritt Oil Co. and Iron Horse Realty, is being converted into a restaurant and bar to be called Sullivan Station.

According to owner Daniel R. Sullivan, the restaurant will replace the operations of the Barritt Oil Co., whose accounts have been transferred to the F.L. Roberts Co. of Springfield. The real estate office will remain in the building.

Sullivan said he had been the sole distributor of Quaker State oil products in Berkshire County since he bought the Barritt Oil Co. from Oliver Humes of Lee in 1969.

"We're getting out of the oil business because we found it's impossible to compete and make a profit," he said.

The price of oil, Sullivan said, had risen

from \$5,000 per truckload (about 5,500 gallons) in 1969 to about \$16,000 per truckload in 1981. He noted, however, that federal regulations had limited his profits per truckload to a fixed amount, while the price of oil had soared.

"My profit margin slipped from 42 percent to 18 percent," he said. "It just wasn't economical."

He added that small distributors could not compete with prices offered by mass merchandisers, who market 40 percent of the motor oil sold in the area.

Sullivan bought the 19th century railroad station from the Penn Central Transportation Co. in 1976 after leasing the property for a year. He said he intended to turn the building into a "gathering place for local people," and a dining area for business meetings and private parties.

Sullivan and his sons, James and Kevin, were hard at work stripping "three

to five coats of paint" from the yellow pine wainscoting of the building's interior. A kitchen, two restrooms, a central heating system and a 14-foot oaken bar will be installed.

The interior, he said, will be furnished with original lights, railroad memorabilia and reproductions of the benches formerly used in the train station. Seating capacity for the restaurant will be about 70 persons, he said.

Offices for Iron Horse Realty, which is operated by his wife Marilyn, will be relocated in the northern end of the building, Sullivan said. He estimated the total cost of the renovations will be "\$12,000 to \$15,000."

Sullivan said the restaurant would open for business in July.

"We're really excited about it," he said. "We think there's a real need for a place in Lee where people can mix."



Nathan L. Wilbur

PRESERVATIONISTS gather in front of the Morgan House on Main Street during walking tour of the downtown business district yesterday. From left are Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the Lee Historical Commission, at rear; Marilyn Sullivan, chairman of the

Citizen's Advisory Council; James N. Parrish, historic planner for Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission; Robert I. Macintosh, coordinator of Lee's downtown revitalization study; and Building Inspector Edward Briggs, behind Macintosh.

Group tours Lee's business district with an eye toward facade restoration

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — County and local officials concerned with the restoration of the facades of historic buildings in Lee's downtown business district took to the streets yesterday.

In an hour-long walking tour of Main Street buildings from Franklin Street to the park, they peered up at cornices, pointed out distinguishing features, and discussed how the architectural characteristics of each building might best be preserved.

The group consisted of Robert I. Macintosh, coordinator of the town's downtown revitalization study; Marilyn K. Sullivan, chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Council, a Lee group; Daniel R. Sullivan, Mrs. Sullivan's husband and chairman of the Lee Historical Commission; Building Inspector Edward Briggs; James N. Parrish, historic preservation planner for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, and Paul Ivory, director of the Chesterwood estate in Stockbridge and an administrator for the National Trust for Historic Preser-

vation.

"Bob invited Ivory and Parrish to come down and look at the buildings, so that we could learn some history about them, what types of buildings they were and what could be done to restore them in a not too terribly expensive way," Mrs. Sullivan said. "I learned an awful lot from them today."

\$363,000 grant

The group's action was prompted by the Citizens' Advisory Council's submission in October of a preliminary application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$363,000 for rehabilitation of 85 downtown housing units under HUD's Small Cities program.

HUD announced last week that Lee, along with four other Berkshire cities and towns, had been invited to file final applications for grants totaling \$3,352,180. (The other municipalities are North Adams, Williamstown, Florida and Great Barrington. The invitation is one step away from final approval.) The grants will be awarded formally in February, and the funds will probably be released next fall.

Rehabilitation of housing units on Main, Railroad and School streets will begin in July, Macintosh said.

Approval of its pre-application by HUD has authorized the town to hire an administrator of the grant monies under an HUD letter of credit. Mrs. Sullivan said the council will start to review applications filed by candidates for the post "after the first of the year."

Mrs. Sullivan noted that most of the buildings in the downtown area contain housing units. As a result, she said, owners of these buildings will be eligible to apply for matching funds under the grant to improve the buildings' facades as well as their apartments.

The amount of work to be carried out on each building's exterior, she said, will depend upon the amount of matching funds applied for by the owner, and the extent of structural repairs required to rehabilitate the building.

"Each case will be handled differently," Mrs. Sullivan said. "Each property involves an X amount of dollars, and some are more than others."

Macintosh said restoration work on the buildings is not intended to impose a single architectural style or particular historical period upon the business district. "We want to make recommendations to the owners and to the town to maintain the historical continuity and the architectural integrity of the downtown area," he said.

The renovation measures considered by the group included repainting of the buildings' cornices and clapboard walls in their original colors, or in complementary earth tones; replacement of signs with others more in keeping with the buildings' styles; cleaning of brickwork and repair of masonry, and restoration of decorative and functional details.

Lee Main St. store to reopen

LEE — The former Lee News Room on Main Street will reopen for business in March as a gift, news, card and office products store under the new name of Paperdilly.

Douglas B. Wilcox of Marble Street, the store's new owner, stood yesterday on the sidewalk and watched as James M. Graham, a local electrician, mounted five white-shaded metal light fixtures over the shop's signboard. Wilcox said a new "light-colored" sign will eventually replace the letters spelling out the store's former name.

Wilcox, who bought the property Jan. 15 from Thomas M. Pentland of Golden Hill Road for \$44,000, said he planned extensive renovations to the store's interior. New lighting will be installed, he said, and a rear dividing wall will be knocked out, "doubling the capacity of the store."

Wilcox said he planned eventually to tear out the store's brick storefront and small front window. "I'd like to return the store to its original condition, with more glassed-in area," he said.

For the time being, however, Wilcox said he was content to have removed a lighted Coca-Cola sign which had hung above the storefront. The signboard and the ledge surmounting it, he said, will be painted a flat chocolate brown so they will blend in with adjoining busi-



Nathan L. Wilbur

LIGHTS to illuminate the signboard of Paperdilly are mounted by Lee electrician James M. Graham. Douglas B. Wilcox, the store's new owner, holds ladder.



Nathan L. Wilbur

ANIMAL CLINIC under construction on Route 102 adjoining the Lee Bowling Lanes will be opened in early April by Lee veterinarian James M. Leahey.

Veterinary clinic planned in Lee

LEE — Veterinarian James M. Leahey of Reservoir Road said yesterday he expected to open an outpatient clinic for animals on Route 102 in about eight weeks.

Dr. Leahey said construction of the wood-frame, 1,400-square-foot building, begun around Jan. 1, will be completed by early April. Contractor for the job is Leahey's brother, Maurice J. Leahey of Reservoir Road.

The building, Leahey said, will house complete veterinary facilities, including about 20 cages, indoor exercise runs, two examination rooms, one surgery room, a treatment area, a laboratory and separate waiting rooms. The clinic also will contain a pharmacy, which will

be equipped to dispense prescription drugs.

Dr. Leahey, a Lee native, graduated in 1963 from St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., with a B.A. degree in biological sciences. He graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in 1967, with a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

He conducted a veterinary practice in Jamestown, N.Y., for 10 years before returning last fall to Lee. He lives with his wife, Jane, and three children.

Dr. Leahey's veterinary service will be the second in Lee. Dr. Bernard M. Collins has operated a veterinary hospital on Stockbridge Road for several years.

Lee gets grant of \$363,000

LEE — Marilyn Sullivan, chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Council, announced yesterday that Lee has been awarded a \$363,000 Small Cities grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to rehabilitate 85 low- and middle-income housing units in the downtown business district.

Mrs. Sullivan said final approval of the town's application for the funds was received earlier in the day in a letter from HUD's Boston office to Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes.

"We're delighted at receiving these funds," she said. "These monies will be used for housing, which is much needed in the downtown area."

Mrs. Sullivan praised the "team effort" of Council co-chairman Edward M. Briggs and members Francis D. Foley Jr., Robert W. Lester, Francis X. Downing and William J. Napolitano in pursuing the grant.

She also cited the work of Robert B. Macintosh, coordinator of Lee's downtown revitalization study, and North Adams consultant Robert J. Dumouchel in drawing up the final grant application.

The town's pre-application for the grant was approved by HUD last December.

The grant will enable property owners to apply for matching grants to rehabilitate and insulate housing units in buildings on Main, Railroad and School streets.

Macintosh said administration of the grant monies will be handled by Berkshire Housing Development Corp. of Pittsfield, which will open an office in the Adams Plaza on Park Street "in the middle of this month."

Mrs. Sullivan said that once the grant monies are released by HUD, the town will have 18 months to complete all rehabilitation projects begun under the program.

Lee cuts tenured teachers

School board also reduces hour of others

LEE — The School Committee voted unanimously Wednesday to lay off 10 tenured teachers and diminish the working hours of five others in response to a reduced fiscal 1982 budget.

In separate motions passed without discussion, the committee voted to lay off Nora J. Boxer, Neil Clarke, Christine Davis, Kathleen Hall, Cynthia Richards, and Marjorie Lagarce, all teachers at Lee Central School; guidance counselor William Chisholm, special-education teachers Kathleen Furtek and Catherine Tucker, and Lee High School teacher Lee Mills Applebaum. Their layoffs will become effective Aug. 31.

The committee also voted to cut back the teaching assignments of tenured teachers Susan Ebitz, Estelle Graziola, Mary Taylor, Robert Tierney and Joan Zukowski.

School Committee Chairman John H. Dolan said the committee had to take formal action to lay off the 10 teachers by April 15 so as not to be obliged under contract to hire them next year.

Budget cut \$2,748,758

Under Proposition 2½, the school budget has been cut from \$2,748,758 this year to \$2,448,304 for fiscal 1982. Dolan said, however, he was hopeful some of the teachers could be recalled if the fiscal 1982 budget, approved by the committee last week, is passed at the June 16 town meeting.

On March 3, the committee voted to dismiss 12 non-tenured teachers, 11 teachers' aides and four custodians. The latest layoffs bring the total number of teachers let go by the school system to 37.

Dolan said that in laying off the teachers, the committee simply ratified decisions that were announced at the March 3 meeting.

"It was a procedural matter," he said. "It was a horrible thing, but there was nothing we could do. Our hands were tied."

Book of poems by Connellan published by Becket press

BECKET — "Massachusetts Poems," the ninth collection of the poems of Leo Connellan, has been published by The Hollow Spring Press of Becket.

Born in Maine in 1928, Connellan has been a poet in residence in Connecticut schools, a traveling salesman, and a reader on tour in France, England and Holland. His "First Selected Poems" was published in 1976 by the University of Pittsburgh Press, and in 1978 his "Crossing America" was published by the Penmaen Press of Lincoln, Neb. His first book, "Penobscot Poems," was published in 1974 by New Quarto Editions.

Connellan's poetry has been called "funereal, tragic and resonant," his writing "a kind of sardonic naturalism restrained by profound literary awareness."

The Hollow Spring Press has published "Massachusetts Poems" in a limited edition of 1,000 copies. The book is available by writing The Hollow Spring Press, RD 1, Chester, Mass. 01011, and in area bookstores.

The Hollow Spring Press publishes the little magazine The Hollow Spring Review of Poetry. The seventh edition of the review is due out by summer.

No bearded females

Season on wild turkey to be renewed

By Steve Moore

Even though his final calculations have not been done, the state biologist in charge of the recently completed experimental season on the wild turkey expects that there will be a season next spring and that it will be a lot like this one was.

James E. Cardoza, a staff member of the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, said the hunt turned out pretty much as he had expected, although most of it was concentrated in the southern part of the county. The wild turkey, he said, has been sighted in every town in Berkshire County and most towns in Franklin County. Those were the locales for the hunt.

The final kill was 72 birds, he said. Of that total, only six were taken in Franklin County and three in Adams and North Adams. He said he had expected more hunting pressure in the north.

Cardoza said his minimum estimate for the season was 50 birds and adjustments made just prior to the opening day, Monday, May 5, indicated closer to 70 would be shot.

He noted that only one banded bird was taken. It was one of the turkeys released in the initial stages of the re-introduction program in 1972 or 1973. A 7-year-old turkey is quite rare, he said. Most live only about four or five years. But he said the old bird was in good shape and if it had not been tagged, he would not have noticed it among the others.

In fact, Cardoza said, there were no birds which were not healthy and there were no bearded females shot. Although beards are usually a male characteristic, the condition can occur in females.

The heaviest turkey weighed



Wild turkey proves to be popular quarry

21.3 pounds, he said. It was taken by Raymond F. Barnes of Pittsfield who also was the first person to receive a permit. Barnes got the bird Monday, May 12, after going a week without a sighting but with plenty of ribbing from friends, Cardoza said.

It is Cardoza's opinion that the relative "smartness" of the birds will not change too much for a few years. There will always be "jakes" or young and inexperienced birds coming along, he said and they will tend to be callow.

And the season will remain a spring season for four or five

years, he said. Because the birds are following mating rituals, the males are generally the only ones shot, whereas in the fall both males and females are quarry. The statewide flock, he said, needs to be much stronger and well-established before a fall hunting season is instituted.

The experiences of the hunters themselves seems to bear out what Cardoza and other experts predicted about the season.

J. Martin Salvadore of Stockbridge said he located his 18.6-pounder last December during deer season. He said he went back to the spot and the turkey

was still there. Salvadore called about 20 or 25 minutes with a diaphragm, or mouth call, but the gobbler stayed out of sight.

"I figured I'd try something else," he said, "so I went to a box call. I gave a purr (a hen sound) and he came roaring in."

Daniel J. Dubis of Adams agreed with Salvadore's assessment of the zeal with which some of the turkeys responded to the calls.

"They say a turkey won't run uphill," Dubis said, "but the one I got ran like a deer. If I hadn't shot him, he would have run me right over."

Dubis said the one he shot was the only one he ever saw. He scouted the woods around Adams for months without a sighting. On the first day of the season he went to an area off East Hoosac Street. He gave a few clucks, he said, and then a purr. The purr, as in Salvadore's experience, "drove him nuts."

Paul LeBlanc of Dalton saw a number of turkeys. In fact, on the opening day he drew a large gobbler out of a tree but it flew into another hunter's area and he got it.

The second day he called in a hen and two toms together, but he shot over their heads and missed all of them. He did get a tom the third day but he went over to New York state last week and fired over the head of another tom there.

"I get a little excited," LeBlanc admitted.

All three agreed that the factor of being in constant and direct communication with the bird is unique and a thrill. They noted that in deer hunting, the hunter does not know when or if he is going to come across anything. In the case of the turkey, a cluck or a purr will tell him immediately if there is a gobbler in the neighborhood.

They also agreed about the comestibility of the wild turkey.

"We had it for Mother's Day," Dubis said. "I prefer it over domestic. It was scrumptious."

Salvadore said the bird has a unique flavor which is not a wild taste.

"The relatives all wanted to know if there's a fall season," he said.

New Ben Barber novel is marriage treatise

Benjamin R. Barber, son of Philip Barber of Becket, is the author of "Marriage Voices," a novel that has just been published by Summit Books of New York.

A professor of political science at Rutgers University, the 40-year-old Barber spends his summers in the Berkshires. He has written five non-fiction books, including "The Death of Communal Liberty," "Liberating Feminism" and the forthcoming "Strong Democracy." He has also written works for music theater and three plays that were produced off Broadway in New York. One of his plays, "Delly's Oracle," was produced at the Berkshire Playhouse in Stockbridge in 1970.

Barber is a graduate of the Stockbridge School, Grinnell College and received his doctorate from Harvard University. His articles have appeared in the New Republic and Harper's, and he is the editor of Political Theory: An International Quarterly. He is a Guggenheim Fellow.

Barber, who is divorced, has two children.

The novel, according to the publisher, concerns itself with "what went wrong in a marriage that seemed so right."

Novelist Erica Jong has commented that this is the most "extraordinary" novel she has ever read about contemporary marriage, and historian William L. Shirer of Lenox said it is an "impressive first novel." Barber shows a subtle understanding, much sympathy and compassion. He makes a case

Lee Selectmen move to cope with 2½ effect on revenue

LEE — The Selectmen announced Monday they will direct the town's boards and departments to adopt a seven-point plan to regulate their expenses in anticipation of budget cuts necessitated by Proposition 2½.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes observed that if reductions in automobile excise taxes (from \$66 to \$25 per \$1,000 of valuation) are put into effect Dec. 4, the town's budget for the remainder of fiscal 1981 will be cut by \$166,000.

The Legislature, DeVarennes noted, is considering delaying the implementation of this 61 percent cut in excise taxes until the beginning of the 1982 fiscal year next July, to allow town and cities time to adjust to cut-

backs in their tax revenues. However, "if the excise tax doesn't get forestalled," DeVarennes said, "we will have to assure ourselves that we will have money in the town budget."

The plan proposed by DeVarennes, and approved by Selectmen Maria D. Bettega and William M. Murphy, calls for an immediate freeze on hiring in all town departments, including unfilled positions which were funded at the last annual town meeting. No additional town employees will be hired without the approval of the board.

No overtime

No overtime will be worked by town employees, unless failure to replace an absent employee would result in interruption of emergency services.

All major purchases of new equipment, including a police cruiser and sidewalk plow approved at the last town meeting, will be deferred. Their purchase, DeVarennes said, will be reviewed once the effect of the excise tax cuts on town budgets is ascertained by the town.

Town vehicles, he said, will be used by officials only for town business to reduce fuel costs.

No wage settlements that will affect the fiscal 1982 budget will be concluded until the full impact of Proposition 2½ upon town budgets is known, DeVarennes said. "We will meet the state labor laws," he said, "but we don't want people entering into three-year contracts that are going to break the town of Lee."

Each department will incorporate into its projected budget for the next fiscal year anticipated unemployment payments to personnel who are laid off as a result of cutbacks in the department's operating expenses. Unemployment payments to town employees, DeVarennes said, will no longer be funded through a separate article at the town's annual town meeting.

Curtail current spending

Finally, DeVarennes said, all departments will curtail spending under their current budgets as much as possible.

The Selectmen directed secretary Pauline Pollard to send a letter enumerating these direc-

tives to the Board of Health, the Department of Public Works, the School Committee and the town's tax collector, Janice Smith.

In other moves to prepare for the effects of Proposition 2½, the Selectmen agreed to appoint a committee of town officials to set policies for its implementation.

The committee will consist of the Selectmen; John H. Dolan, chairman of the school committee; Charlotte Davis, chairman of the capital outlay committee; Town Counsel Jerome Scully; John E. Loring, chairman of the board of assessors, and Dayton DeLorme, chairman of the finance committee.

The capital outlay and Proposition 2½ implementation committees, DeVarennes said, will meet with the Selectmen Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Town Hall.

A public meeting to inform residents of the findings of these two committees will be held Nov. 28 at 7:30 at the Lee Central School auditorium, he added.

In a related matter, the Selectmen announced they will attend a meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Nov. 22 in Framingham.

At that meeting, DeVarennes said, MMA officials will present proposed amendments to Proposition 2½ intended to allow the referendum's implementation without undue financial hardship to cities and towns.

One of the amendments under consideration, he said, would allow towns to override the 2½ percent limit on property taxes by a majority vote at an annual town meeting, rather than by a two-thirds majority at the regular November election.

Another amendment, DeVarennes said, would delay the printing of automobile excise tax bills until the Legislature can take action to phase-in the revenue cuts required under Proposition 2½, and provide for an alternative source of revenue for town governments.

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Author Gilder says he cannot afford Washington move

By Abby Pratt

TYRINGHAM — George F. Gilder, author of "Wealth and Poverty," preached supply-side economics to family, friends and Berkshire County luminaries who packed the Town Hall meeting room last night.

He had just returned from his second trip to Washington in a week, but firmly ruled out taking a job with the Reagan administration. Gilder said he

could not afford the move at a time when his book, based on the idea that government policy should help private enterprise boost production, is hitting the best-seller lists.

He said the trips to Washington had produced "embarrassing stories about how I was running the country when, in fact, I was struggling to get a couple of paragraphs" into the president's address to a joint session of Congress scheduled for this week.

Gilder, who grew up here and attended Harvard University, was introduced by Millicent C. McIntosh, retired president of Barnard College and a member of the Hop Brook Community Club, sponsors of the talk.

He said Mrs. McIntosh taught his mother to change his diapers, making her one among many in the hall he called his "most longstanding and deeply knowledgeable critics."

Board moves to replace Lee's town switchboard

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Selectmen have voted to eliminate the town's switchboard and replace it with an automatic telephone switching system tied to the Berkshire County Communication System (BCCS) based in Pittsfield.

Announcement of the decision was made last night at a budget meeting with the Finance Committee at the Town Hall. The decision itself was not made at a regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting, in or out of executive session.

The announcement was received angrily by switchboard operators who questioned the Selectmen's authority to do away with the existing system — and some of their jobs.

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said a 15 percent cut in this year's \$52,323 communication budget would require elimination of at least one of three full-time shifts of oper-

ators manning the switchboard. As a result, he said, Lee would be obliged to tie into BCCS to continue to provide 24-hour emergency service to its residents.

Expenses ahead

DeVarennes noted that with the cutting of the switchboard's operating hours, the town will have to buy \$9,600 worth of new mobile and portable radios for the police department whose frequencies will conform to those of the county system. Rather than operate two systems side by side, DeVarennes said the town would be better served by converting completely to the county system.

DeVarennes said an automatic telephone switching system proposed by New England Telephone Co. would save the town \$6,000 in its first year of operation (after installation and equipment rental costs) and

\$24,000 in each following year.

DeVarennes said Town Counsel Jerome Scully had informed the Selectmen that the board had the legal right to scrap the switchboard.

"We're not doing this because we want to," he said. "We're doing this because 69 percent of the people in this town voted for [Proposition] 2½."

Fait accompli

Asked by Fire Chief Ottavio B. Giarolo if the switchboard would be replaced, DeVarennes said, "As far as we're concerned we've already done it. I guess that's what we're really telling you."

"Then the townspeople have have no say in the matter," Giarolo said.

DeVarennes replied, "Yes, you do have a say."

Russell G. Daverin, a switchboard operator, asked DeVarennes, "How can we have a say when you've already voted on it?"

"You can go vote us out," DeVarennes said.

After the meeting, DeVarennes said the Selectmen had to "meet a budget commitment. We've got to get the most service to the most people in the town of Lee. For us, it's more important to have police officers on the street than to have a switchboard."

Meeting April 6

DeVarennes said the Selectmen will submit to the Finance Committee a detailed proposal for the new system in time for it to be reviewed at the committee's April 6 meeting. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall conference room.

He added that the Selectmen will investigate the possibility of transferring monies from the town's emergency fund to cover the \$18,000 installation cost for the new system.

After the meeting, Daverin announced his intention to run for election to the selectman's post held by DeVarennes.

Waving what he said were his nomination papers, Daverin said, "If it's a conflict of interest, I'll quit my switchboard job to get that son of a bitch."

Three days of events set for Lee Salebration

LEE — A carnival, a farmers' market, two road races and a demonstration of professional softball by the Queen and Her Court will mark this year's Lee Salebration Days Aug. 14 through 16.

Louis J. DiGrigoli, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's Salebration Committee, said proceeds from the three-day promotion will be used to defray the \$1,600 annual cost of Christmas lights for Lee's Main Street.

This year's Salebration, the third since the promotion was instituted in 1979, will be expanded to extend the length of Main Street from the First Congregational Church park to Joe's Diner.

Lee Price Chopper, DiGrigoli said, will run a concession stand set up at the Main Street en-

trance to its parking lot next to the Morgan House.

A second concession stand will be operated by the chamber next to the carnival, whose rides and booths will be set up on an vacant lot at the corner of Elm and Main streets next to the Toole Real Estate Agency.

DiGrigoli said a farmers' market, to be run by Alice M. Hale of Tyringham, will be situated on the corner of Main and Center streets across from Joe's Diner.

Road races

Three- and 6-mile road races, to be organized by Jonathan Caffrey of Devon Road, will be Aug. 16, with runners starting at 10 a.m. from the Little League baseball field behind the Lee Savings Bank. DiGrigoli said he expected 500 to 600 runners to participate, as compared to 200 last year.

The Lee Youth Association, DiGrigoli said, will sponsor a demonstration of baseball by the Queen and Her Court, a professional touring fast-pitch softball team.

DiGrigoli said a 16-by-24-foot platform will be erected in the church park for performances by entertainment groups.

Events to be repeated from last year's Salebration will include an April 16 pancake breakfast to be served by the Tri-Town Rotary Club, a chicken barbecue accompanied by a Dixieland band in the alley between the Morgan House and McClelland Drug, blacksmithing and dog obedience demonstrations and a beer fest sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Prize committee members are Marian Hunter of Park Place, Teresa Bragdon of Goose Pond and Susan North of East Street.

Drinking minors targeted

LEE — Citing alcohol abuse by teenagers as "the Number One problem and problem-starter in the area," Acting Police Chief Edward Finnegan announced yesterday that he will "crack down" on illegal drinking by minors in town and on the purchasing by legal-age adults of alcohol for juveniles.

Finnegan said teen-agers' drinking parties had resulted in litter strewn about.

"Last week," he said, "we found about five empty cases of beer dumped behind the sewer plant [on Route 102]."

Finnegan said many parents condoned beer drinking by teen-agers on the premise that "beer is better than drugs."

Although he said he would make a special effort to stop adults from buying liquor for youths under 20, the legal drinking age, Finnegan added, "I'm not above bringing in the kids who are drinking."

He praised local liquor store owners who have complied with police requests that they conduct careful identification checks of their patrons. However, Finnegan said, "They can't stop the 20-year-olds from giving it to the 16-year-olds."

Economics out of touch

According to Gilder, economics are getting further and further from the realities of people's lives. He said the present system works better for the majority of Americans if they withdraw from the regular taxable economy into the "off-the-books" economy.

He touted entrepreneurship, saying the government must create incentives for production and creativity and "restore faith in the future."

Gilder said he and federal budget director David Stockman both had grown up on farms. "A farmer understands that ultimately his fate is in the hands of Providence," he said. He argued that a "fail-safe society" is static and that faith in God is the element missing in other economic theories.

He proposed substituting per-capita allowances for all children, regardless of family income, for Aid to Dependent Children and other programs based on need. He said the latter force people to arrange their lives to qualify for aid.

Gilder said the energy crisis is over because of discoveries of natural gas deposits and the potential for increased efficiency and productivity through micro-processor technology.

Inaccuracy on Burger King hearing

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Nathan Wilbur's March 24 news story on the Lee Conservation Commission's public hearing on the Burger King site plans is misleading and inaccurate.

The commission made it quite clear that work on grading and landscaping had been stopped since the commission's letter was received by Burger King almost three weeks ago, and could not legally be continued until 10 days after the commission issues its order of conditions, presumably at a special meeting to be held March 30.

When asked by Burger King representatives if they could proceed with such work before that date, Chairman Ronald Smith replied, "I can't tell you to do that; it's against state law." Commission member Anne Errington then read from

the "Environmental Handbook for Massachusetts Conservation Commissioners":

"No work may be commenced until all appeal periods have elapsed from the order of the conservation commission or from a final order by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering."

and

"No work shall be undertaken until the final order, with respect to the proposed project has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds."

Does that sound as if "the board implicitly agreed to turn a blind eye to continued landscaping"?

Instead of concentrating on an undercurrent of lighthearted bantering which occurred at the meeting, Mr. Wilbur should have been listening to what was really going on.

JOAN CLEMONS

Member

Lee Conservation Commission

Lee

Letters to this column are welcome. Communications, particularly if over 200 words, are subject to condensation.

Lee water will run out in 35 days, DeVarennnes says in conservation call

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennnes, responding to reports of the town's worsening water shortage, last night blasted residents for their continuing high consumption of water.

"We're 35 days from running out of water in the town of Lee," DeVarennnes said. "If people think that's a joke, then 35 days from now they'll turn on the faucet and nothing is going to come out."

David M. Parker, chairman of the department of public works, informed the board that the town's daily consumption of water last week averaged 1.3 million gallons a day.

Parker said the water level in the town's Upper Reservoir fed

by Coddington Brook was 22 feet below the dam's spillway. When the reservoir runs dry (at 25 feet below the spillway), he said, water service to homes served by high pressure lines on Golden Hill and Devon roads and on Laurel, Summer, Prospect, Spring and West Park streets will be interrupted.

The total extra water which the town may obtain from Goose Pond Brook, Washington Mountain Brook and Laurel Lake, he said, will be 800,000 gallons a day.

On Dec. 1, the Lee DPW began drawing 300,000 gallons of water a day from Goose Pond Brook and issued a boil order to Lee residents. On Jan. 12, the Selectmen declared a water emergency in the town.

Beginning today, Parker said, the DPW will draw 100,000 to 200,000 gallons a day from Washington Mountain Brook. In addition, he said, the DPW will investigate the cost of pumping 400,000 gallons of water a day from Laurel Lake into an existing water main situated near the lake's boat ramp.

The town's daily consumption of water jumped from 1.3 million gallons to 1.5 million gallons over the Christmas holidays, when residents turned on their faucets to keep their pipes from freezing. Despite subsequent appeals for water conservation by town officials, Parker said, the town's daily use of water had stabilized at 1.3 million gallons.

"I feel very strongly that we

have a real emergency situation here in town, but people don't seem to realize it," DeVarennnes said.

Noting that he had seen people "in three parts of town" washing their cars Sunday with garden hoses, he said, "We request that people stop washing their autos, because the water they use now is the water they will need to drink this summer."

"I can't see how they can't see it," Selectman Maria D. Betteg said.

DeVarennnes said the board will request Town Counsel Jerome Scully to investigate what procedures are necessary for the town to institute and enforce water conservation regulations.

One possibility, he said, would be for the board to call a special town meeting to allow the town representatives to approve ordinance banning certain use of water by residents. Offenders would be assessed fines, DeVarennnes said.

In a related matter, Parker told the board that the DPW was preparing a newsletter listing recommended water conservation measures. This newsletter, he said, will be mailed out to the town's 2,000 water users next week.

Lee Selectmen face challenge on switchboard

LEE — The Selectmen have been challenged on their decision last week to replace the town's switchboard with an automatic telephone switching system connected to the Berkshire County Communication System (BCCS) in Pittsfield.

William B. Navin, a town representative and member of the Planning Board, presented the board Monday with petitions signed by more than 500 residents requesting that the switchboard be saved.

Navin recalled that an article calling for the elimination of the switchboard was voted down at last year's annual town meeting. "We voted to keep it," he said, "and I'd like to see the switchboard kept until the town meeting."

Navin acknowledged after the meeting that the signatures on the petitions were gathered nearly a year ago, in response to the article carried on the warrant for last year's annual town meeting. "But they weren't used, so they're still good," he said.

Navin also gave the board a separate petition carrying the signatures of 12 members of the Fire Department which he gathered a few days before Monday's meeting.

"I've got the Fire Department behind me," he said.

Decision unchanged

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennnes said the board would take the petitions under advisement. He added that the board's decision to scrap the switchboard had not changed.

Louis V. Failla of Fairview Street, a member of the Fire Department, Lee Ambulance Service, and Civil Defense, and a town representative, questioned the capacity of the county system to handle multiple emergency calls from Lee.

Addressing Selectman Maria D. Betteg, Failla said, "You've been a switchboard operator, and you've told me yourself that when you have three departments out on call it's hard to handle. How is one person in Pittsfield going to handle calls from 30 towns and have the same response time?"

Failla then challenged the Selectmen's authority to do away with what he termed a "town department." When DeVarennnes told him that Town Counsel Jerome Scully had informed the board that it had the power to dissolve the switchboard, Failla said, "I want to see it in writing."

"There's been too much emphasis on doing away with it and not enough to keep it," Failla said.

Saying that the discussion was turning into "a debate that will accomplish absolutely nothing," DeVarennnes asked Failla to present the board a counter-proposal to the automatic telephone system.

The board heard two proposals for alternative systems to replace the existing switchboard, which is manned around the clock by operators.

Jack Driscoll of Valley Telephone Systems of Chicopee handed the Selectmen copies of a written prospectus for an automatic telephone switching system similar to the system proposed to the board two weeks ago by New England Telephone Co.

Driscoll said the town could lease the system from Valley Telephone at a \$10,543 annual rate for eight years, after which it would have the option of taking over the system or allowing the company to disconnect it.

Citing the switchboard's current annual budget of \$49,573, Driscoll said the town would save \$39,030 in the system's first year of operation and a total of \$260,000 over the eight-year lease.

The Selectmen told Driscoll they would review his company's proposal with Kenneth J. LaBier, chairman of the town's Communications Committee, and inform him of their decision regarding it in two weeks.

Russell G. Daverin, a switchboard operator, suggested that the telephone switching capabilities of the switchboard be replaced, but that emergency dispatch services be monitored by town operators rather than through the county system in Pittsfield.

DeVarennnes asked Daverin to work up a detailed proposal with the telephone company which would allow the town to "sit down and write a contract" for telephone service with the company.

In other action, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Mincey of 19 School Street told the board that a vacant house adjoining their property was infested with rats and represented a safety hazard to children in their neighborhood.

The board agreed to request Building Inspector Edward Briggs and Tri-Town Sanitarian Peter J. Kolodziej to inspect the property for unsafe structural or health conditions.

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Major library cuts set to meet tax-limit law

The Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Athenaeum has agreed on reductions of \$15,000 to go into effect in January if the excise tax reductions are enacted as part of Proposition 2½. In addition, the board has planned reductions of \$150,926, or one-third of its budget, to meet the requirements of the measure for the coming fiscal year. These reductions include closing both branch libraries and reducing both staff, hours and services at the main library.

The reductions, made at the request of Mayor Charles L. Smith, were agreed on when the trustees met Friday at the library.

The \$15,000 reduction would be achieved by closing the main library Monday evenings for a saving of \$3,000; halving the time of the hospital librarian, \$2,900; reducing evening hours at the Morningside branch to one evening a week from five evenings, \$1,300, and not re-

placing a catalog clerk who is taking three months leave without pay, \$1,800.

Librarian Robert G. Newman enumerated the proposed reductions for the coming fiscal year, which total \$123,412 rather than the \$150,926 figure required. Part of the shortfall will presumably be met by energy savings from reduced hours, to be calculated by the city's public buildings department.

Cut one-third staff

Both hours and staff would be reduced for a saving of \$68,620, Newman said. These major changes include eliminating 14 of 42 full-time equivalent positions, or one-third of the staff, and closing Wednesday and Friday evenings in addition to Monday evenings. That change would mean that the Library Arts series would be shifted from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. Newman said he hoped the plan could be modified to allow the library to remain open Saturdays, a day when the library is heavily patronized.

The plan includes closing both Morningside and West Side branches for a savings of \$30,128 and \$11,848 and discontinuing service to hospitals, nursing and convalescent homes and the Senior Center to save \$12,616. Newman said he anticipates that hospital volunteers will continue book service, but that it will no longer be directed by a member of the library staff. The city bookmobile will continue to visit nursing and convalescent homes and the Senior Center, Newman said, but the library staff member will no longer provide personal service.

Newman termed the reductions both drastic and regrettable because they will curtail services and restrict access.

In addition, the trustees approved the same percentage increase in staff salaries as the City Council's Finance Committee has approved for comparable positions, Newman said. These increases are 7 percent retroactive to July 1980 and 8 percent effective July 1981.

The raises will go to the council for approval.

CORRECTION

Man charged

New man in the stacks

Larry C. Price goes by the book. He majored in Spanish literature in college, and his favorite pastime is reading. He refers to cookbooks for recreational bread baking and to how-to-do-it manuals when he tackles home repairs. And, after four years as assistant librarian at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Price, 30, was chosen by the board of trustees this week to succeed Robert G. Newman as librarian.

His job will be a dual one, because he will continue to perform the tasks of assistant librarian, a post which the trustees eliminated Monday. Newman called the new job a difficult one, but one Price's experience has well qualified him for.

Price, who will receive slightly more than \$20,000 in his new job, said he would continue in the tradition Newman established during his 35-year tenure. Similar to Newman's plight when he took the helm in 1935, during the Great Depression, Price faces the stringencies of Proposition 2½ as he becomes the fifth librarian in the Athenaeum's 110-year history.

His top priority is, not surprisingly, books. "It would be unfortunate if, in cutting spending, we allow gaps in the collection," he said. He worries that the library could miss a purchase entirely, now that a recent Internal Revenue Service ruling encourages publishers to destroy surplus copies. He also worries about the books the library does buy.

"The construction of books today is just short of criminal," he said, explaining that many glues dry out quickly and cease to hold, and that some paper has a high acid content causing the volume to deteriorate quickly. "Some don't survive their first circulation without needing attention," he said.

He takes the concept of a public library seriously, and intends to continue a balance of purchases and programs to appeal to all segments of the community. Although he sees the library's main job as a repository of knowledge, Price acknowledges the necessity of escapist fiction, particularly during long Berkshire winters. "Mysteries, romances and westerns offer the reader stability," he said. "There is enough turmoil in the world to-



Joel Librizzi

Price: Books come first

day so that if a reader can find comfort in a book, I think we should try to get it, so long as it is not at the exclusion of other sorts of literature."

He said he has noticed mysteries and romances that circulate on the bookmobile bear small, inconspicuous marks made by avid readers to indicate they have read the book, and so won't begin it again.

Despite Price's academic background — he was headed for graduate school in comparative literature until a visit to the Modern Language Association's convention impressed him with the length of the unemployment lines peopled by Ph.D.s — he said he will not favor academic works to the exclusion of home-repair manuals.

He considers the library a valuable resource for the beleaguered bill-payer seeking ways to save money. He is, himself, something of a repair buff, with qualifications. "I sometimes destroy the item I'm setting out to fix. I'm horrible with springs." His urge to "beat the sys-

tem" extends to energy as well. The Price house at 12 Leslie Drive is heated with a wood stove, and he is pondering the installation of solar hot water heaters.

A native of Lynn, Ind., Price grew up in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, near the coal mining territory of Hazleton. He graduated from Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., in 1973, after spending his junior year at the University of Valencia in Spain. In addition to his course work in Spain, he taught English and acquired the knack of preparing paella, still a favorite diversion. At Thiel, he met his wife, the former Diane Graybosch of Bay Shore, L.I., an art major, who is employed at the Geary Corp. on South Street.

He received a master's degree in 1974 from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Before coming to the Athenaeum, he was adult services librarian at the Easton (Pa.) Area Public Library.

His fondness for the Berkshires is in large measure due to the array of its cultural offerings. "I love the hectic pace of summer," he said. Both Prices are in the ranks at Tanglewood, he as an usher, and Mrs. Price handing out programs, and they are frequent theatergoers.

Strongly career motivated, Price is described by both Newman and trustees Chairman Thomas F. Plunkett as extremely well qualified. Newman said Price not only has a very sound record as assistant, but has shared some of Newman's duties as librarian.

Price had first crack at the top job, after the trustees in January decided to advertise for outside applicants only if no in-house candidates applied or if the search committee failed to approve them. Plunkett said the search committee was impressed by Price's love of books and of selecting them, his credentials, and his competence in the business operations. "Had we gone far and wide," said Plunkett, "we probably would still have chosen Larry Price."

Price still manages to read Spanish classics, with a greater reliance on the dictionary than formerly. But for the new librarian, "the biggest problem with the job is that I spend more time reading reviews than the books themselves."

CORRECTION

Robert G. Newman joined the staff of the Berkshire Athenaeum in 1935 as a circulation assistant. He did not become librarian until 1946. A story in Saturday's Eagle incorrectly said that he became librarian in 1935.

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Lee board cuts 27 jobs from school budget

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The School Committee voted unanimously last night to lay off 12 non-tenured teachers; 11 teachers' aides and four custodians to reduce the fiscal 1982 budget.

The committee's action was prompted by a request from the Finance Committee to cut last year's budget by 15 percent to compensate for reduction of town tax revenues under Proposition 2½.

In separate motions passed without discussion, the committee voted to lay off non-tenured teachers Dominic Blasioli, Shirley Breckinridge, Marlene Budd, Timothy Gervan, Linda Griffin, Margaret Kohler, Alexis Lovato, Lisa MacDonald, Paula O'Rourke, Vivienne Stasky, Richard Stauffer and Christine Walker. Their layoffs will become effective Aug. 31.

The committee approved the layoff, effective Aug. 31, of teachers' aides Flora Arment, Ann Bailey, Mary Bowers, Dorothy Brouker, Diane Gaul, June Hibbard, Christine MacDonald, Jean Mosca, Doris Pelletier, Kathleen VanOrman and Christine Wadsworth.

In addition, the committee voted to dismiss, as of July 1, custodians Barry Collins, Donald Gelpi, Joseph Menatti and Robert Walker.

Non-tenured positions

In other motions passed by the committee, the appointments of non-tenured teachers Nicholas Caimano, Timothy Hickey, Erin O'Brien, Bridget Piacentino, Gary Reichert and Arnold Scaramuzzi, were renewed for fiscal 1982.

The committee also voted to meet April 15 at 7:30 in the Lee High School library to consider the cutting of work hours for five teachers — Susan Ebitz, Estelle Graziola, Mary Taylor, Robert Tierney and Joan Zukowski.

At the same meeting, the committee will consider the dismissal of 10 additional personnel — Nora Boxer, Neil Clarke, Christine Davis, Kathleen Hall, Cynthia Richards and Marjorie Lagarce, all teachers at Lee Central School; guidance counselor William Chisholm, special-

education teachers Kathleen Furtek and Catherine Tucker, and Lee High School teacher Lee Mills Applebaum.

The dismissals, if all are approved by the committee, will reduce the 1982 budget for teaching salaries for elementary school teachers by \$16,083, to \$537,117. Salaries for special-education teachers at Lee Central School will be slashed by \$18,555, to \$66,520.

Teacher salaries

The 1982 budget for teacher salaries at Lee High School will be \$484,641, only \$695 less than this year's total. Committee member Henry Greiner noted, however, that the 1982 budget reflects salary increases for the teaching staff, as well as the reassignment of several Lee Central School teachers to new duties at the high school.

Hit particularly hard in the committee's proposed 1982 budget are guidance departments at both schools. Last year's \$19,350 budget for guidance department salaries at Lee Central was eliminated for 1982, while salaries at Lee High were slashed by \$32,758, to \$12,751.

Unemployment compensation

Salaries for teachers' aides at Lee Central also were cut severely, from \$24,681 for 12 positions in 1981 to \$2,430 for a single position in 1982.

Greiner said the committee, in arriving at a tentative 1982 school budget figure of \$2,448,304, was obliged to cut \$300,454 from last year's budget of \$2,748,758. Another \$110,000, he said, was cut out of the school budget to defray the cost of unemployment compensation for the personnel to be laid off.

The School Committee will present its budget before the Finance Committee March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall conference room.

Reflecting upon the layoffs, Committee Chairman John H. Dolan said, "It's the most difficult thing we've had to do, and it's ripping the system apart. It will hurt the adults affected, but the biggest impact will be felt by the children of the town. It will take years to recover from this."

3 teen-agers find, return lost wallet

LEE — Police Chief Edward Finnegan commended three youths, one from Lee and two from East Otis, for turning in a lost wallet containing \$346 in cash to Lee police yesterday afternoon. The wallet was claimed by a Colorado man shortly thereafter.

Finnegan said Leslie H. Chaffee, 18, of Hollywood Blvd. and Nancy Meyer, 18, of Route 23, both of East Otis; and Lisa Kuneman, 17, of Theresa Terrace turned the wallet in to his office at 12:30 p.m. after searching for its owner, Bruce J. MacDonald of Englewood, Colo.

Chaffee said he and his companions were leaving the Third Greek Restaurant on Railroad Street after lunch when they found a wallet on the ground outside the door. Recalling that MacDonald had opened the door of the restaurant, looked inside, and left a few moments earlier, the three youths combed the immediate area without success.

Provided by the youths with a description of MacDonald, Finnegan found him looking for the wallet on Main Street. When the wallet was returned to him MacDonald told Finnegan that the money in it represented half his earnings this summer as a counselor at Camp Lenox for Boys in Otis. He offered no reward.

Asked to comment on the youths' action, Finnegan said, "They should be commended for being honest. That guy will always have a good feeling about this place because the kids turned it in."

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Nathan L. Wilbur

FINAL TURN from Lee's Main Street onto Eaton Street marks the end of a two-mile journey for the

Bradley Street School, which was moved to a new site opposite the post office.

Lee move creates museum

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Bradley Street School rode atop a house-mover's dollies through the streets of Lee yesterday to a new site and a new function as the town's museum.

Relocation of the 22-by-44-foot, one-story schoolhouse from its longtime location on Bradley Street to its new site opposite Lee's post office on Eaton Street took just over 3½ hours.

The mover, Larmon House Movers of Schuylerville, N.Y., was assisted by crews from Berkshire Cable Television and New England Telephone Co.

used long yellow poles, cherry pickers and cranes to lift street cables over the building's sharply pitched roof.

With Lee police cruisers screening the way, the schoolhouse, mounted on three dollies pulled by a Caterpillar tractor, wound its way south on Bradley Street, south on Greylock Street, west on East Center Street, south on Main Street and west on Eaton Street to its destination. Apart from two telephone lines on East Center Street, which were broken by passage of the building and immediately repaired by crews trailing it, the two-mile move was accomplished without incident.

Merchants and shoppers spilled out of stores to watch as the building passed majestically down Main Street and made its final turn onto Eaton Street at about 12:30 p.m. One onlooker, William F. Tyer Jr. of East Center Street, said, "They should have put it in the Memorial Day parade."

The schoolhouse, built in 1895, had been slated to be razed by the town to make room for a playground on Bradley Street. Rather than see it destroyed, a group of

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"about \$4,500."

11 Lee residents calling themselves the "Bradley Bunch" bought the building Jan. 12 from the town for \$1, and agreed to relocate the building at their own expense.

The move, according to Bradley Bunch member Daniel R. Sullivan, cost the group

The group intends to restore the building as a museum with exhibits presenting the history of the town's paper mills and marble quarries. The plan is particularly appropriate, in that part of the foundation upon which the school rests was that of the former Eaton-Dikeman

paper plant, which burned in 1933.

Installation of a new foundation for the school began Monday, when students in the Lee High School house-building program excavated the Eaton Street site with the assistance of a backhoe operated by contractor James F. Nolan. On Tuesday, masons from I & M Mason Contractors of Pleasant Street poured footings and began building 6-foot high foundation walls with concrete blocks.

The masons had just finished their labors when the schoolhouse arrived at the site. At 3:45 p.m. the movers, using hydraulic jacks, carefully lowered the building onto its completed base.

Sullivan said the Bradley Bunch expects to complete restoration of the building's exterior "in about two months." Much of the work, he said, will be done by the house-building students, whose services will be available until the end of the academic year in June.

Gertrude Bailey of 55 Main St., a 78-year-old Lee native who attended the school from Kindergarten through 6th grade, took a picture of the school in its new location for a brother in Vermont, who also had attended Bradley.

"I think it's going to be very good when it's set up as a museum," she said. "It brings back a lot of memories. So many things are being torn down that could be renovated and put to a good use."

Morgan House plans outdoor cafe in alley

LEE — William and Elizabeth Orford, owners of the Morgan House, informed the Selectmen last night that they wish to establish a sidewalk cafe in the alley between their inn and restaurant and the McClelland drugstore on Main Street.

The Orfords said they came before the board to "sound out" the Selectmen on the proposal and to inquire into the necessity of applying for additional licenses to serve food and drink outside their establishment.

Orford presented the board with plans drawn by Robert B. Macintosh, coordinator of the town's downtown revitalization study. The plans showed three groups of two or three tables situated alternately against the north and south walls of the alley.

Each group of tables would be set on a raised brick platform

surrounded by trees and shrubs. Four standing iron lamps would illuminate the alley from end to end.

Orford said that in addition to the existing door leading from the inn's kitchen to the alley, a second access door from the bar would be installed. He told the Selectmen that "light dining and cocktails" would be served only to patrons seated at the tables.

The Selectmen said they would ask Town Counsel Jerome Scully whether additional licenses would be required. Secretary Pauline Pollard added that if a change in their current liquor license were necessary the board would have to hold a public hearing on the matter.

Selectman Maria D. Bettega summed up her colleagues' reaction to the Orfords' proposal by saying, "It looks beautiful. It'll be another shot in the arm for our Main Street."

Police chief wants loitering by Lee students restrained

LEE — Acting Police Chief Edward Finnegan asked the School Committee Tuesday to take action to restrain the activities of Lee Central School students congregating behind businesses in the downtown area during the school's lunch period.

In a letter to the committee, Finnegan said he was concerned that groups of Lee Central students were meeting "with greater frequency" in alleys behind Main Street stores.

He asked that their movements "be restrained in some way to eliminate any problems before they have a base to begin."

School Supt. Maurice J. Boulanger told the committee that about 22 students at the school routinely obtained permission to return to their homes during the school's 35-minute lunch period.

The students, he said, were required to deliver notes from their parents to the school office before they were allowed to leave the school grounds.

"About nine of these kids actually go home," Boulanger said. "The other 13 walk around downtown."

Pot smoking

Boulanger said Finnegan had told him that he suspected several of these students of smoking marijuana.

Committee member William F. Tyler said he was reluctant to have the committee intervene in a matter "where a good deal of the responsibility lies with the

parents."

He added, however, that the schools could adopt a policy of not accepting notes from parents of children who had caused problems to police or downtown merchants.

Boulanger asked that the committee defer action until the parents of the children involved were contacted by Central School Principal Raymond B. Kavey.

Committee member Henry Greiner said that although the committee had "no suspicions" of wrongdoing by any of the students, "there's going to be a lot more of this when we cut back on extracurricular programs next year."

In other business, the School Committee:

— Commended the work of Lee Central School administrators in organizing the March 17 Career Fair held at the school.

— Accepted the resignations of Mrs. Diane Gaul, special education aide at Lee Central School; Robert J. Walker, custodian at Lee High School; and Joseph P. Menatti, custodian at Lee Central School. The three, who were to be laid off at the end of the academic year, resigned to take new jobs elsewhere.

— Granted permission to the Babe Ruth baseball league to conduct its games this summer at the Lee High School baseball field.

— Was informed by Boulanger that the Otis School Committee, Selectmen and Finance Committee had agreed last week to enroll 36 students in Grades 6 and 7 in Lee Central School next fall on a tuition basis.

— Announced it will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 1982 school budget April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Lee High School library.

for years," Caropresso said.

Five renditions are in museums, and a sixth is owned by a New York City resident. Caropresso believes Willard's first rendition is owned by the Marblehead Historical Society on Boston's North Shore.

"I have a total of four Archibald Willard paintings going Saturday night," he said. "Two of which have been listed as 'missing' for years. The advertising we've done for the 'Spirit' has turned them up, and people figured it was time to bring them out of their attics."

Getting Inquiries

Caropresso has received inquiries from numerous museums, large and small, fashion critic Richard Blackwell, several other famous people and multinational corporations, including a major tobacco company which he declined to identify.

Caropresso said his timing, in tune with a national resurgence of patriotism, couldn't be better. "That's the direction the country is going," he said. "It certainly won't hurt."

The "Spirit" is one of 250 canvases to be auctioned Saturday night, and Caropresso said the lot could bring \$1 million.

Lee officials react to plan to move offices

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Selectmen's proposed relocation of the tax collector and assessors' offices from the Civil War Memorial Town Hall on Main Street to the Airolti Building on Railroad Street met with opposition Monday from officials whose working conditions would be affected by the change.

Assessor John E. Loring, Tax Collector Janice G. Smith, Town Clerk John J. Nagle and Accountant Eleanor Powers enumerated the advantages of maintaining the two offices in their present location. The offices, along with those of the town clerk, town treasurer and town accountant, are situated on the ground floor of the Town Hall.

Mrs. Powers told the board that the centralized location enabled the town officials to assist each other in their various tasks. Mrs. Smith added that the offices share the use of copying and postage-stamping machines.

Records accessible

Nagle said the town's financial records, to which the various offices make constant reference, are kept in a walk-in vault in the Assessors' office, where they are accessible to all. If the Assessors and tax collector's offices are moved to the Airolti Building, Mrs. Smith said, "we'll be running back and forth."

Mrs. Smith said she had personally collected "about \$3.4 million in last year, a lot of it in cash."

"With policemen outside the door I didn't worry, but now we'll be going over (to Railroad Street) there without a policeman around."

She added that during heavy tax-collecting periods she made as many as five trips to the bank each day to deposit monies collected by her office.

"The police keep an eye on me when I go to the bank," she said, "but they won't be able to do that if we move."

Mrs. Powers said the decision to relocate the offices should not be made by the Selectmen, but should be settled by a vote of the town's representatives at the annual town meeting.

"The Town Hall is the center of town business, and it's not up to the Selectmen to move us out," she said.

Accessible to handicapped

Selectmen Chairman John E. DeVarennes said state authorities had informed the town that it must make buildings occupied by town offices accessible to handicapped persons.

"The voters can't say that we can't meet the handicapped laws," DeVarennes said. "We've got no choice. If we can't make the Town Hall accessible we can't have the offices here."

The Town Hall's high front steps and lack of an elevator to the second floor make access to meetings of town boards difficult for these persons. The Airolti Building presents no such physical obstacles to the handicapped.

Selectmen William M. Murphy said that the second floor of the

Town Hall will be vacated by the Selectmen and other town boards to reduce the cost of heating the building. These offices will be re-established in the spring in the Airolti Building after the School Superintendent's office is relocated to a portable classroom adjoining Lee Central School.

DeVarennes said there was a possibility that the district court probation office, which has long been cramped in its current quarters, would move into the tax collector's office. The other office space on the ground floor, he said, may be rented from the town by the court to create meeting rooms for lawyers and their clients.

Drawing floor plan

DeVarennes said Superintendent of Public Works J. Peter Scoloro is engaged in drawing up a floor plan to accommodate all of the town offices in the Airolti Building. The plan, he said, will be presented to town officials for their comments before it is implemented by the Selectmen.

In other business, the Selectmen:

— Granted a one-day beer and wine license to the Tri-Town Rotary Club for its Octoberfest to be conducted Aug. 15 in conjunction with the Lee Celebration Days.

— Approved the inclusion in the Department of Public Works budget of funds sufficient to subsidize participation by three to four Lee special needs children in a six-week summer playground program sponsored by the town of Great Barrington in July and August. The cost will be \$125 per child.

— Approved a \$25 hike in the fee to be charged by the Lee Ambulance Service for ambulance calls. The increase from \$35 to \$60 per call will become effective April 1.

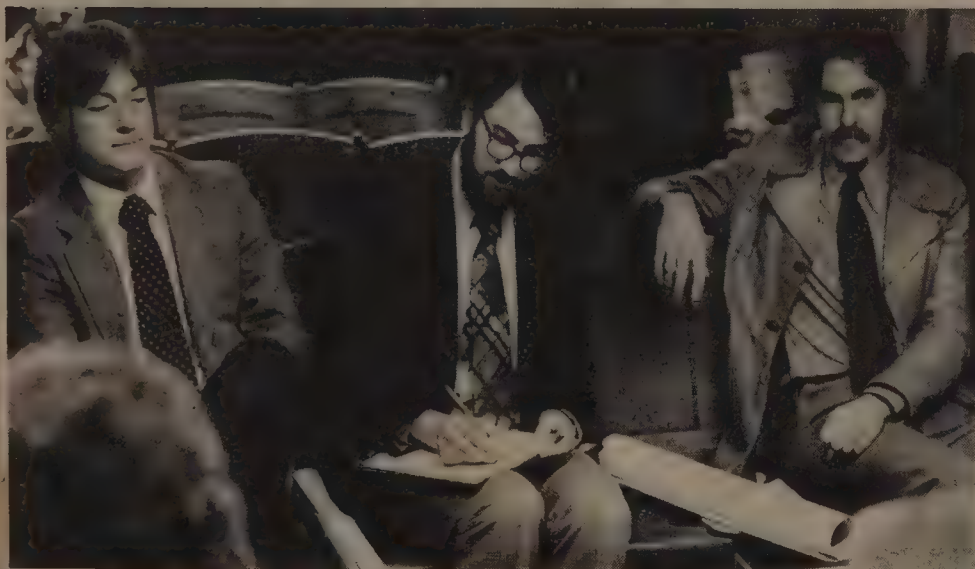
The \$300 and \$2,400 fees charged to the towns of Tynningham and Stockbridge respectively for ambulance service remain unchanged.



Nathan L. Wilbur

BRIGHT SUNSHINE bathes the Eagle mill of Schweitzer Division of Kimberly-Clark Corp. on the Housatonic River. View was from Laurel Street just

north of the Center Street bridge. State plans to alter this scene with a new bridge that would cross the river at location in the foreground.



Nathan L. Wilbur

BURGER KING REPRESENTATIVES confer with Lee's Conservation Commission at a public hearing at the Town Hall. From left, they are site engineer Dick Townsend, consulting engineer Robert E. Hoogs of Robert G. Brown Associates of Pittsfield, and design engineer Robert G. Murphy.

Lee to allow landscaping though conditions not set

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Conservation Commission agreed last night to delay for one week the issuing of conditions for Burger King's restaurant site on Housatonic Street. However, the board implicitly agreed to turn a blind eye to continued landscaping of the site rather than order it to be stopped.

Burger King officials implied that the company would not wait the commission before it continued the landscaping and filling of

west and Barnes Brook on the south. The site is just north of the Massachusetts Turnpike exchange. The commission is empowered to uphold the state Wetlands Protection Act by imposing conditions upon projects built in wetland or flood plain areas of town.

Hoogs said that under the new plans for the project, the north bank of Barnes Brook will be regraded and stabilized with rock riprapping.

The level at which the rear of the property is graded will be lowered, Hoogs said, reducing the amount of fill required from 2,800 to 2,500 cubic yards.

The rear section of the site,

King's plans, agreed to advance its meeting date by a week, to March 30.

The meeting will be at 7:30 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Townsend said that although Burger King would comply with all of the commission's conditions, "I don't anticipate anyone appealing the decisions you people make. I would like to proceed with what we've agreed to."

One part of the restaurant's construction that could not be delayed if the business were to open on schedule April 14 would be the installation of propane tanks behind the building.



Nathan L. Wilbur

STUDENT EXPLORERS in Lee Central School's talented and gifted program are, from left, Jason Morrison, Jessica Davis, Shannon Terry (standing), Cynthia Cahalen and Ariel Collins. Ship is model of sailing vessel employed by Christopher Columbus on his voyage to America in 1492.

Lee schools offer program for talented, gifted pupils

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — To a visitor, Nora J. Boxer's classroom at Central School looks like any other, with the usual complement of desks, blackboards and books. But to the talented and gifted children who are her students, Ms. Boxer's classroom is a combination workshop, recording studio, think tank and study.

Twice a week for 1½-hour periods, 51 of the school's 616 students leave their regular classes to participate in talented and gifted (TAG) programs. Forty-one grade school children attend sessions overseen by Mrs. Boxer, while 10 students at the kindergarten level work under the direction of Barbara M. Pasini.

According to Michael B. Ronan, the schools' curriculum director, TAG students are those who, in tests or classroom activities, have demonstrated above-average intellectual ability, motivation or aptitude in particular academic areas. Many TAG students, he added, exhibit a specific creative impulse, or "flair."

"The reason for pulling the kids out of their classes for three hours each week," Ronan said, "is to let them work with their intellectual peers while they continue to mix with their social peers."

Five of Ms. Boxer's 2nd-grade students knelt before a cardboard model of a 15th-century sailing vessel set on the floor in the middle of the room.

Christopher Columbus and his followers to their discovery of America in 1492. The model, she said, will be used as a stage prop for a play about Columbus to be presented by the students in about a month's time.

"I look at this ship and it seems small," Ms. Boxer said. "But to these kids it's fantastic. They can get in it and sail away."

In building the model, Mrs. Boxer said, the students measured, cut and sewed sails from a bedsheet, and painted red crosses upon them.

The sails were attached to masts and crossrees fashioned from cardboard tubes, which the children painted black. The students then fixed the masts in bases consisting of tobacco cans filled with plaster of Paris.

"I liked painting the best," said Cynthia M. Cahalen, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cahalen of Stockbridge Road. "I painted the poles and crosses, but all of us did something."

The students, Ms. Boxer said, also studied the voyages of other explorers, including Sir Francis Drake, James Cook and Magellan.

Keep Journal of voyage

Each child kept a journal of his or her experiences on an imaginary voyage from San Francisco, Calif., to Tokyo, Japan, set in the early 1800s. In addition, the group composed a song about the trip and practiced the song with the aid of tape re-

They take the skills they learn in class and use them in practical applications."

Projects of this kind, she said, are designed to sharpen the children's listening and thinking skills, teach them how to use reference materials and encourage them to solve problems on their own.

These activities, Mrs. Boxer said, also allow TAG students to pursue a specific area of interest that may not be addressed in their regular classes.

The TAG program was introduced in the Lee schools last year at the kindergarten level. This year, Ronan said, students in Grades 1 through 7 are being screened and admitted to the program.

Third phase next year

Next year, in what Ronan called the program's third phase, advanced-placement courses in biology and American history will be offered at Lee High School to selected students in Grades 9 through 12.

If the schools' proposed \$2.45 million budget for fiscal 1982 is approved at the June 16 annual town meeting, Ronan said, "I am hopeful we will have the two full-time staff we need to carry out the three phases of the program."

"If we don't get the \$2.45 million," he added, "it will be very difficult to keep the programs at all."

Ronan said the children earned by the program "are the

Lee Library to begin children's reading club

LEE — The Lee Library Association will begin its annual reading club for children Tuesday. The club will meet through Aug. 27, when it will hold a punch and cookie party for all participants.

The club this year will use the theme "Find Your Fantasy," which has been suggested by the Western Massachusetts Regional Free Public Library System, according to librarian Elizabeth L. Dennis.

Bookmarks, log books, buttons, certificates and other gifts will be given to participants. More information is available at the library.

The summer film program for children and young adults will begin July 9 and continue on Tuesday mornings for eight weeks. Programs are available at the main desk.

Design drawn from pictures
With elaborate care, the 6- and 7-year-old children painted black lines depicting planks on the sides of the ship's hull. As they painted, they checked their work against a design which they had drawn from pictures found in reference books in the school's library.
Ms. Boxer said the ship model represented one of three vessels that conveyed Italian explorer

potential leaders of our society well into the next century.
"As our society gets older," he continued, "the capacity of a smaller number to support a larger number of the population will dictate our quality of life. The ability of the few to do this will rest on their being able to create new technologies. This program plants the seeds and forms the skills for these children to take on that role."

One couplet, composed by Jason E. Morrison of Center Street, was sung with gusto by the children: "We hoist the sails and swab the decks; So the captain won't hang our necks."
Comparing these activities with those engaged in by the students in their regular classes, Mrs. Boxer said, "It's more of a hands-on learning experience."

Lee to seek funds for housing project on site optioned by Berkshire Housing

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The Lee Housing Authority announced yesterday it will apply to the state Executive Office for Communities and Development for a grant to build 38 housing units for the elderly and 10 units for low-income families on property adjoining Brown Memorial Court on Marble Street.

The LHA's announcement came four weeks after Peter Lafayette, president of Berkshire Housing Development Corp. of Pittsfield, informed the Selectman that he would apply for a \$1.5 million low-interest loan from the federal Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) to develop the same number of units on the same property.

The Rev. Walter S. Ryan, LHA president and pastor of the First Congregational Church here, said LHA signed an option agreement last Dec. 17 with Berkshire Housing, opening the way for the corporation to seek FmHA funding for the project.

The LHA reaffirmed its approval of Berkshire Housing's plan to develop the property at its Feb. 9 meeting. The 5½-acre lot adjoining Brown Memorial Court, a housing development for the elderly, is owned by the LHA.

New funding round

Mr. Ryan noted, however, that "just when we authorized Berkshire Housing to pursue this plan we learned that the state Executive Office of Communities was offering a second round of applications for housing grants."

LHA unsuccessfully filed for grant monies under the Executive Office's Chapter 667 and 705 housing programs last October.

"We weren't in the top six towns," Mr. Ryan said, "but we were told we had a very good proposal with a good site and local support."

Mr. Ryan said that despite LHA's option agreement with Berkshire Housing the Authority was not committed to that plan alone. He said LHA would prefer to develop additional housing under a state-funded program because the authority would retain

ownership of the property and "have control over the project's design."

Under its proposal, Berkshire Housing would purchase the property with the FmHA loan and develop it according to plans drawn up by its own architects.

Timing of notification by the state and FmHA as to the availability of grants or loans for the project will determine which of the two plans is adopted by LHA, Mr. Ryan said.

The deadline for filing of

LHA's grant application is April 30. "I expect we'll hear from the state by July 1," he said, "and that could be before we hear about the other project."

Mr. Ryan said some opposition to the proposed design for Marble Hills Apartments, as Berkshire Housing's development would be called, had been voiced by residents of Brown Memorial Court. These residents, he said, were concerned that their privacy would be affected by children of families living next door.

At its meeting last Monday, the Authority discussed with the Citizen's Advisory Council the possibility of concentrating the elderly housing on the Marble Street property, and scattering the low-income housing units about the downtown area. However, Mr. Ryan said this option may not be available to the LHA under the terms of the state grant.

"We have to submit the applications for low-income and elderly housing together," he said, "so we may have to include all

the units in the same tract."

Mr. Ryan said he and Mrs. Harry J. Szewszak, a LHA member and state-appointed authority delegate, will attend a statewide convention of municipal housing authority officials to be held April 3 and 4 at the Sheraton Mansfield Inn in Mansfield.

The purpose of the convention, he said, is to acquaint these officials with the procedures and legal requirements involved in the filing of applications for state housing grants.

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Lee tax rate in \$25 - \$29 range

LEE — The town's tax rate will be set at between \$25 and \$29 if the revaluation of Lee's real estate and personal property completed last month by the Board of Assessors is approved by the state Department of Revenue.

The new rate for fiscal 1982 would be at least \$20 less than the \$49 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation charged during the current fiscal year.

Assessor John E. Loring said Wednesday that the revaluation, which took a year to complete, raised assessments made to taxable property "from an average of about 80 percent" to 100 percent.

The total valuation of the town's real estate and personal property, he said, will be increased from \$62,983,287 for fiscal 1981 to \$105,792,800 for fiscal 1982. Of the fiscal 1982 total, Loring said \$99,792,800 will be raised from real estate and an estimated \$6,000,000 from personal property.

Assuming that the town's expenditures and state reimbursements remained unchanged, and that the town's total budget

would be reduced by \$462,927, or 15 percent under Proposition 2½, Loring said the town's fiscal 1982 levy limit would be \$2,623,254.

Dividing that figure by the town's fiscal 1982 revaluation of \$105,792,800 and multiplying the resulting number by 1,000, he said, produces a tax rate figure

of about \$25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Loring said, however, that the tax rate probably would be "more like \$29" because several town departments and the school system had not cut their budgets by 15 percent.

Loring said he expected the town to receive notification from

the Department of Revenue "at any time."

In conducting the revaluation, Loring said the Assessors recorded the assessed valuation of every one of the town's residences on a file card along with a physical description, floor plan and photograph of each building. Assessments of residences were increased, Loring said, in the event of structural additions to the houses or the installation of new swimming pools, air conditioning systems and fireplaces.

"What it boils down to," Loring said, "is that anything you enjoy or that makes life easier, like a new bathroom, raises your taxes."

Dayton E. DeLorme, chairman of the Finance Committee, said if the \$105,792,800 revaluation for fiscal 1982 is approved by the state, the town's levy limit will be increased to \$2,644,800.

This figure, DeLorme said, is \$171,250 higher than the \$2,473,550 levy limit, derived from a state equalized valuation of \$98,942,000, which would have been imposed upon the town by the Department of Revenue if Lee's revaluation had not been carried out.

If the new valuation is approved, DeLorme said, the town's tax revenues will be reduced to the level called for under Proposition 2½ with no additional cuts in the town budget being required for fiscal 1983. In addition, he said, the increased tax base may allow the town to restore \$21,546 to town budgets cut back under the \$2,623,254 levy limit.

Management pact set for community center

ADAMS — In a meeting with Youth Center Inc. representatives last night, the Selectmen worked out an agreement for the future management and use of the town Community Center, which will open this summer off East Street.

Under the agreement, the Youth Center will manage the town-owned community building, which is on the former By-ton School grounds.

As it has done for the past two years, the Youth Center will lease the property from the town for \$1. Space within the building will be rented out by the Youth Center at a uniform rate per square foot to local groups for a

number of social programs.

According to community development coordinator Michael Shay, the programs will include elderly nutrition, a counseling service, a day-care center and recreational therapy for special needs children.

The agreement specifies that the town, as owner of the community building, will be responsible for its structural upkeep. But the Youth Center, as its manager, will take care of minor interior repairs, such as replacing windows, the agreement says.

The agreement will be completed by Youth Center counsel Philip H. Grandchamp and presented to the Selectmen next week. It must be ratified by the annual town meeting before it is put into effect.

In other business, the Selectmen voted to set back the date of the annual town meeting to June 22. The election, the board agreed, still will be held May 4 as had been planned originally.

Maine minister to preach May 10

HINSDALE — The Rev. Leighton J. Foss of Windham, Maine, will be speak at the First Congregational Church's 11 a.m. service on May 10.

Mr. Foss is a candidate for pastor of the church, which has been without a permanent pastor since the resignation of the Rev. Richard H. Taylor in January 1980.

Sandisfield to introduce swim-and-gym

SANDISFIELD — The Sandisfield Elementary School will extend its physical education curriculum for pupils in kindergarten through Grade 6 with a



Nathan L. Wilbur

NEW FACES at the former Lee News Room on Main Street in Lee are those of Douglas Wilcox and his wife, Sally. They have reopened the store as Paperdilly, a

stationery and office supply store that has maintained many of the touches of the former news room, including the candy counter at left.

Young Lee couple's new store replaces old Lee News Room

By Donna B. Mattoon

the tradition.

LEE — At a time when many young couples reluctantly leave the Berkshires to find employment, Douglas B. Wilcox and his wife, Sally, found a way to come back to their home town, buy into a tradition and realize their dream.

Paperdilly, a stationery and office supply store, opened this week after three months of extensive renovations. That was their dream. But the store is located in the former Lee News Room, a fixture on Main Street for over thirty years, and that's

The penny candy counter, a favorite spot in the Lee News Room for three generations of local children, was already causing traffic jams at Paperdilly early this week. Sally Wilcox intends soon to have fresh donuts and homemade bread available to customers who stop by for Sunday newspapers, another favorite tradition that the couple is eager to continue. Paperdilly will also continue to offer one of the most extensive lines of newspapers in the county.

But the new, bright yellow awning outside of the store is just the beginning of Paperdilly's new look that the owners say combines the best of the News Room's old traditions and makes way for the beginning of some new ones.

Wilcox said the store has been expanded by 40 percent. A fresh coat of white paint adds extra light to the interior. New carpeting and light fixtures give Paperdilly a modern look, but the schoolhouse clock hanging on the exposed chimney provides a touch of country charm.

"Our main line is stationery and office supplies," Wilcox said. "We sell everything from paper clips to desks." Paperdilly's office stock includes filing cabinets in traditional black as well as in some bright decorative colors. They also have briefcases, calculators and other office machines.

A large part of the store is made up of a complete line of Ambassador Cards by Hallmark, stationery and candies. Sally Wilcox said she also wants to add another line of special, all-purpose cards, and plans to expand her stock of quality gifts for seasonal occasions.

Individual mailboxes

Wilcox said that one of the most appreciated aspects of Paperdilly is his unique system of

individual mailboxes for customers who wish to have newspapers reserved for them. Paperdilly receives 45 different newspapers and an extensive line of magazines, Wilcox said.

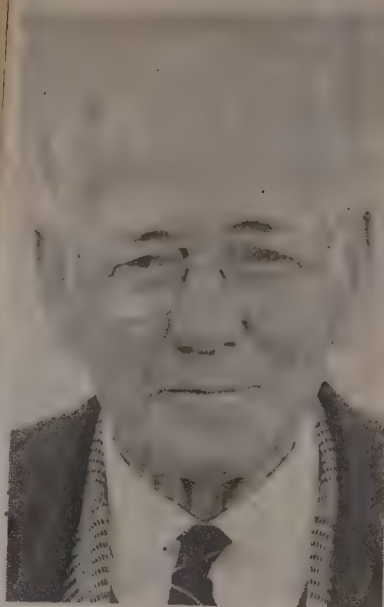
Familiar with townfolk

It appears that Douglas and Sally Wilcox are up to the task of running a popular store in a small community. Both are Lee natives who are on a first-name basis with the many people who came into Paperdilly early this week. Douglas played three sports at Lee High School, while Sally served on the cheerleading squad.

After graduating from BCC and the University of Massachusetts with a degree in leisure studies and services, Wilcox was the local director of the YMCA and supervisor of the town's parks for five years. He spent four years out of the area as an account representative for Xerox before buying the former Lee News Room from Thomas M. Pentland last January.

Sally Wilcox, a graduate of the St. Luke's School of Nursing, said she will continue to work as a nurse at Hillcrest Hospital for awhile. They have two children, Jessica and Nathaniel, and live on Marble Street.

The store is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.



William B. Navin

William B. Navin, veteran Lee official

LEE — William Bernard "Bernie" Navin, 75, of 163 High St., a member of the Planning Board since its inception in 1954, died at Berkshire Medical Center yesterday after a long illness.

Widely known in Lee, he was referred to in an Eagle Name in the News in 1976 as "a man as quick with a piece of candy for a child as he is with an acerbic barb for someone, usually another town official, he feels is wrong."

He was born in Lee on Aug. 14, 1910, son of Patrick and Bertha Bourquard Navin, and attended Lee schools. In 1926 he went to work for the former Eaton-Dikeman paper company in Lee until it was destroyed by fire in 1932. In 1939 he went to work for the former Smith Paper Co. in Lee, which is now the Kimberly-Clark Corp., retiring in 1975 as a papermaker from its Columbia Mill.

Mr. Navin was a communicant of St. Mary's Church. He was a representative of District No. 5 in Lee since 1970. He was also a member of the Democratic Town Committee and a former member of the Play-ground Committee.

He and his wife, the former Mildred Barton, celebrated their 46th anniversary last October.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, David B. Navin of Athol and Tech. Sgt. Peter M. Navin, U.S. Air Force, stationed in Turkey; two daughters, Mrs. Joan M. Mouglin of Tyringham and Mrs. Carol E. LePrevoist of Lee; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Linnehan and Miss Bertha M. Navin, both of Pittsfield; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 9:15 from the Kelly Funeral Home, with a A Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 at St. Mary's Church in Lee. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lee Youth Association in care of the funeral home.

Lee opens facility tomorrow

Local center is in former Grange Hall

By Nathan Wilbur

LEE — The Lee Youth Association announced Wednesday that its community center, housed in the former Lee Grange building on Academy Street, will open its doors this weekend.

The grand opening of the center, to be held tomorrow and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., will mark the attainment of a goal sought by the LYA since its inception in February 1980.

"I can't believe it," said LYA treasurer Carol E. LePrevost. "We've raised money and we're opening our center, and it's just super. I just hope the community will get involved and use it."

Mrs. LePrevost said she was informed Wednesday by the Lee United Community Fund (UCF) that the LYA had been accepted as a participating agency in the fund. The LYA, she said, will receive \$5,000 from UCF — \$2,500 right away, \$1,250 in June and \$1,250 in September — to help defray the cost of renovating the building.

Merchants contributed

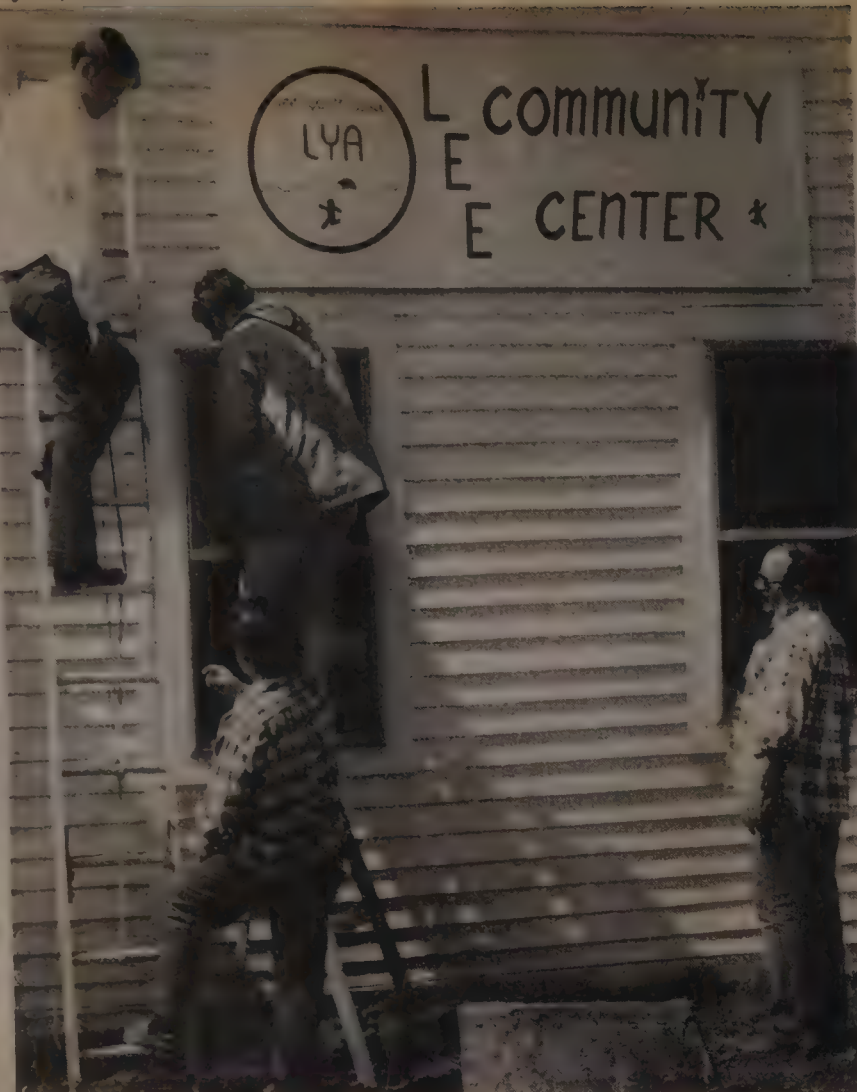
Local merchants, Mrs. LePrevost said, have contributed more than \$2,000. The LYA will receive another \$2,000 in July from the County Commission's budget.

In addition, the organization has applied for aid from the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal conducted by the Springfield diocese. Mrs. LePrevost said the LYA could receive as much as \$28,100, the estimated total cost of renovating both floors of the Grange building.

"We'll hear this month if we get any money," she said.

Responding to the LYA's success in overcoming the financial obstacles of establishing the center, UCF official Stephen A. Cozzaglio said, "They've done a remarkable job. To me it shows that it's people who care that get things done."

Over the past four months, the students in Lee High School's housebuilding program, under the direction of local contractor Arnold R. Scaramuzzi, gutted and rebuilt the former Grange Hall's interior.



Nathan L. Wilbur

HAND-PAINTED SIGN is mounted on front wall of Lee's new community center on Academy Street Wednesday. Workers are, from left, William J. Silbor Jr. (on ladder), who painted the sign; Reena L. Bucknell, director of youth activities in Lee; John C. LePrevost, and Charles V. O'Neil, president of the Lee Youth Association.

Two new bathrooms and an office for youth director Reena L. Bucknell were installed; new wiring, lighting and plumbing were put in, and the building's exterior was scraped and repainted.

"The amount of work the kids did was amazing," said LYA president Charles V. O'Neil. "The renovations cost \$6,000, and they saved us \$8,000 in labor. We couldn't believe there was so much to do, but the kids really pushed to get it done. It's not just something the kids can take pride in, but the whole community."

The center is equipped with a pinball machine and two electronic video games, an automatic bowling machine donated by the Warlocks motorcycle club of Lee, a pool table donated by the Center at Foxhollow, three ping-pong tables and a

television.

Miss Bucknell's plans include installation of a blacktop surface in the parking lot, along with basketball hoops and tetherball games.

She said activities at the center would be offered not only for young people, but for adults as well, according to their interests.

The LYA, Miss Bucknell said, will launch a membership drive tomorrow, with volunteers manning tables during the open house. A pizza party honoring the housebuilding students will follow at 6 p.m.

The center's regular hours will be from 2:30 to 4:30 and 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 1 to 4 and 7 to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Tyringham author Gilder defends his economic views on '60 Minutes'

TYRINGHAM — In an interview with reporter Dan Rather on the CBS program "60 Minutes" last night, Tyringham resident and best-selling author George Gilder defended the controversial but politically favored ideas which he outlined in his recent book, "Wealth and Poverty."

The book has become the written guide for the program adopted by President Reagan's director of the Office of Management and Budget, David Stockman, who also helped edit it. It has topped the best-seller lists of both The Washington Post and The Boston Globe and is already in its eighth printing since its publication last January.

Cut taxes of rich

For supply-side economist Gilder, "the best way to reduce the taxes of the poor and middle class is to cut the tax rates of the rich." He explained that lower taxes induced the rich to abandon their tax shelters and enter the productive and taxable part of the economy which creates jobs for the unemployed and fortifies the economy.

Gilder also stated that "discrimination has radically declined" in the country and can no longer be regarded as a con-

trolling force in the economy.

"The idea is demoralizing and destructive" to those groups who have been discriminated against, he said, and tends to make these groups "neurotic and unable to deal with the challenges presented by society."

One group which Gilder isolated as untouched by discrimination was women. He said that women were paid less than men,

not because they were discriminated against, but because they were 11 times more likely to leave a job voluntarily and were also less aggressive on the job.

Besides, Gilder added, women are not natural breadwinners. "Men like to work for women," he said. "If you ask a man why he submits to the daily drudgery of work, he will reach for his pocket and take out a picture of

his wife."

Responding to Rather's question of why blacks fear the Reagan program despite its alleged benefits to the poor, Gilder said:

"That's simply an example of the triumph of propaganda over truth." In Gilder's view, "the Reagan program is the best program for the rich and the poor in America."



HAMMERING OUT a fiscal 1982 budget for the Lee Department of Public Works are, from left, Selectman William M. Murphy, Superintendent of Public

Works J. Peter Scolforo, and Finance Committee members James I. Brown, William Salinetti and Edward F. Murray. The meeting took place at the Lee Town Hall.

Sewer rates to jump

Lee DPW budget is \$506,729

By Nathan L. Wilbur
LEE — The Finance Committee unanimously approved last night a fiscal 1982 Department of Public Works budget of \$506,729, or \$4,808 less than this

year's budget.

One consequence of the reduced budget is that sewer rates in Lee are expected to rise by 35 percent next year.

The committee voted to defer

action on 16 proposed warrant articles totaling \$156,158 until budgets from other town departments are received.

The Finance Committee had requested Superintendent of

Public Works J. Peter Scolforo to cut the DPW budget by 15 percent in light of Proposition 2½'s reduction of town tax revenue.

To meet this directive, Scolforo said he subtracted the town's \$113,945 water account and \$87,981 sewer accounts from this year's total budget of \$511,537. The remaining \$309,611 represented the total DPW budget to be paid from local taxes.

The water and sewer systems, he noted, were self-supporting accounts paid by user's fees, not from the town's tax levy.

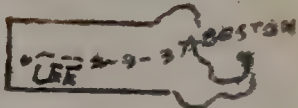
Scolforo said he cut the remaining \$309,611 by 15 percent, to \$263,169.

Adding an anticipated \$118,022 through increased water rates, and an anticipated \$125,538 through increased sewer rates, Scolforo announced the overall 1982 DPW budget would be \$506,729.

Individual accounts provided for in the 1982 budget are \$14,130 for the Public Works board salaries and expenses, down \$2,505 from 1981; \$211,000 for the highway department, down \$37,000; \$125,538 for the sewer account, up \$37,557; \$118,022 for the water account, up \$4,077; \$8,500 for playgrounds, down \$1,740; \$24,500 for the town landfill, down \$4,310; and \$5,025 for forestry, down \$900.

Scolforo attributed the jump in the sewer account budget to increases in the cost of electricity to run the town's sewer treatment plant. The cost of operating the plant, he said, will rise from \$47,000 this year to \$79,800 next year.

As a result, Scolforo said, sewer rates will be increased by about 35 percent in 1982. The annual sewer rate for an average residence, he said, will rise from \$35 to "about \$65 to \$70."



Governor Michael Dukakis has invited Lee Girl Scout Troop #485 (4th grade) to the State House this March 22, when

he will sign a "Help Young America Week" proclamation for all Massachusetts.

One girl wrote to Representative Hodgkins asking recognition of #485's project with the nursing home as part of Colgate-Palmolive's "Help Young America" campaign to reward youth service groups. He forwarded the letter to the Governor. It was the only such letter from any group.

Lee public and parochial principals have given #485 girls the day off for this fine civics lesson. Lee Kiwanis and Tri-Town Rotary clubs have contributed funds toward transportation expenses.

For full information, please call 243-2739 or 243-1581.

Name in the news

Tri-town superintendent

LEE

Stepping into the shoes of a respected administrator is no easy task. But for Vahan J. Khachadorian, who assumed his duties as superintendent of the Lee-Tyringham-Otis Union July 1, the difficulties of adjusting to a new job have been overshadowed by the death of the outgoing superintendent, Maurice J. Boulanger.

After a 13-year career, Boulanger died of a heart attack just nine days before his retirement was to become effective.

"I still have the feeling that Maurice is going to come in and work someday," said Khachadorian, leaning back in a chair in his office in the Airoidi Building on Railroad Street. "Before I came on as superintendent I'd come into the office every day and see his personal effects here, and I'd feel a little shaken up at times. But since July 1, when I knew I was the new superintendent, things have been falling into place a little more easily."

Khachadorian was appointed as Boulanger's successor Jan. 30 by the unanimous vote of a Superintendency Union Committee consisting of nine voting members from the Lee, Tyringham and Otis School committees. His appointment capped a nine-month screening of more than 70 candidates by the union's search committee, and two weeks of evaluation of three finalists by the individual school boards.

With Boulanger's help, Khachadorian began April 20 to acclimate himself to the duties and demands of the superintendency. Boulanger, he said, "showed me what needed to be done, and gave me insights into interacting with people. He made the transition a smooth one."

Khachadorian was born in Watertown on January 3, 1933. A second-generation American, Khachadorian said his parents fled their native Armenia in 1916 to escape death at the hands of invading Turks. They settled in Chelsea, a Boston suburb, with his father, John Khachadorian, working as a longshoreman at the nearby Charlestown Naval Shipyard.

After graduating from Watertown High School in 1950, Khachadorian served in the Army from 1953 to 1955 during the



Nathan L. Wilbur

Khachadorian: high profile

Korean War. In 1956 he entered Boston University, graduating in 1960 from the university's School of Education with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in reading.

In 1968, he received a certificate of advanced graduate studies from BU; his major field of study was public school administration and supervision.

From 1958 to 1966, Khachadorian taught 5th and 6th grade classes in the Watertown, Stoneham and Arlington public schools. His teaching career was followed by a 14-year stretch, from 1967 through 1980, as principal of four different public schools in Bellingham.

He and his wife Sheila have settled in Lee at 11 Devon Rd. Two of their children, Michael, 13, and Thomas, 5, will attend Lee schools this fall, while a third, Pamela, 16, will attend Framingham High School.

"I plan on being a very visible superintendent," Khachadorian said. "As a principal I went to as many school-related functions as was humanly possible,

and I hope to be able to do that in the union."

He added that he intends to pursue an "open-door policy" with the public.

Asked to specify his goals, Khachadorian said he intended to develop a coordinated curriculum to serve the union's students. He said, "Although kids come from three communities they all ultimately go to Lee High School, and we want to establish an academic program that reflects a K-through-12 approach for all three towns."

Noting that 34 students in Grades 7 and 8 will attend Lee Central School this fall on a tuition basis, Khachadorian said classroom space at Otis Consolidated School will be reorganized to better serve the school's remaining 120 students in Grades K to 6.

One classroom, he said, will be subdivided by partitions into three smaller classrooms. In addition, a library will be established in the school's basement, replacing a former tutoring room.

Other projects will be to investigate, with Lee school administrators and the Tyringham School Committee, the feasibility of reopening Tyringham's elementary school for the 1983-84 school year, and to establish union-wide standards of competency in basic academic skills.

Khachadorian said that under his guidance the union's schools will strive to provide "a hands-on introduction to skills for technical and vocational students entering the job market, and a highly sophisticated education for college-bound students."

"What really excites me," he continued, "is seeing kids attend school, be happy, be learning, and be fulfilled in their studies; and see administrators and teachers working cooperatively to that end."

As superintendent, Khachadorian said, "I will be the person the community looks to for leadership and advice concerning public education."

In him the union has evidently found a capable, energetic and principled man to assume the responsibilities relinquished by his predecessor.

M.J. Boulanger dies; was Lee school supt.

LEE — Maurice J. Boulanger, 65, superintendent of schools here, died yesterday at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield following an apparent heart attack at his home.

Mr. Boulanger, who lived on Devon Road with his wife, the former Anna Deschenes, planned to retire this month after 12 years as superintendent of the Lee Superintendency Union. The union consists of the schools of Lee, Otis and Tyringham.

He was born in Dover, N.H., Nov. 13, 1915, son of the late Aremys and Anna Labonte Boulanger. He graduated from Dover High School in 1934 and from Kent's Hill (Maine) School in 1938.

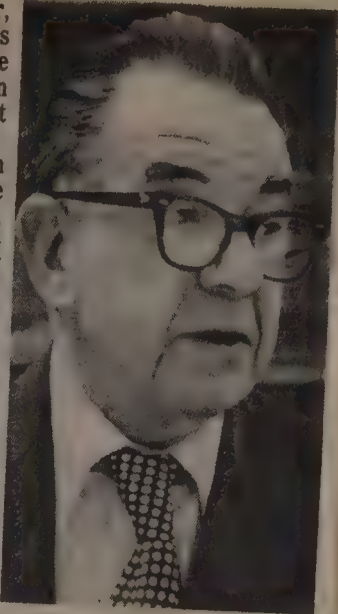
He studied at Cornell University until 1940. In 1941 he enlisted in the Army Signal Corps, and he received a field commission in 1945. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in history, and earned his master's degree in education there in 1956.

Mr. Boulanger did graduate work at Fitchburg State College, the State University of New York in Oswego, Syracuse University, the University of Massachusetts and Rockford College in Illinois.

From 1949 to 1951, he was a teacher at Epping (N.H.) Junior High School. He then worked as guidance counselor at Epping Junior and Senior High Schools for three years.

From 1954 to 1957, he was guidance counselor at Henniker (N.H.) Junior and Senior High Schools.

In 1957, Mr. Boulanger became guidance counselor at Groton Junior and Senior High Schools, a position he held for five years. From 1962 to 1966, he



Maurice J. Boulanger

was principal of Groton Senior High.

Mr. Boulanger served from 1966 to 1968 as senior supervisor of the state Department of Education's Boston and Worcester regional office.

He came to the Lee post in January of 1968.

Mr. Boulanger was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, where he was a lecturer and a member of the choir.

He served on the town's Industrial Development Commission, and was a member of Greenock Country Club. He was also a member of the Tri-town Rotary Club.

Mr. Boulanger also served on the executive board and legislative commission of the state Association of School Superintendents, and was a member of the American Association of School Administrators.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Noel J. Boulanger of Arlington and Eric A. Boulanger of Seminole, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Lisa McNeerney of Carrolton, Ga., and Miss Clara L. Boulanger of Burlington, Vt.; two brothers, Charles Boulanger and Raymond Boulanger, both of Dover, N.H.; four sisters, Mrs. Florence Daniels of Nashua, N.H., and Miss Edmee Boulanger, Mrs. Anne Hanagan and Mrs. Eva Buzzell, all of Dover, and one granddaughter.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 8:15 a.m. from the Kelly Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 at St. Mary's Church. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Somersworth, N.H.

Calling hours at the funeral home are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations to the Maurice J. Boulanger Scholarship Fund at Lee High School, or to St. Mary's Church.

Members of Tri-town Rotary will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. tomorrow to form a guard of honor.



Nathan L. Wilbur

NEW SIGN hung last Friday graces the entrance to the Lee Police Department office in the basement of the Town Hall. Standing before it are Denny R. Forshee of 21 Center St., right, who painted the sign, and John Winters, Lee police officer, who helped build it. Former sign was stolen.

Lee police offer to provide security surveys

LEE — In response to a recent outbreak of burglaries in Lee, the Police Department will conduct security surveys of local businesses and private residences upon request, Police Chief Edward J. Finnegan announced yesterday.

He said residents or businessmen wishing to have their properties inspected may contact him at the Police Department office in the basement of the Town Hall.

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Name in the News

Luck-struck actor

TYRINGHAM

When character actor William Roerick walked out on the stage at the Berkshire Theater Festival last week, he was beginning his 50th role at the venerable Stockbridge playhouse. Roerick portrays Linus Larrabee Sr., a crusty old millionaire, in the BTF's production of "Sabrina Fair."

Using his clear, strong voice, aristocratic good looks and a nearly subliminal twitch of the eyebrow and click of the heels, Roerick becomes his character. The senior Larrabee is father of Linus Larrabee Jr., a role Roerick also played at the BTF — some 30 years ago.

"I've been very, very lucky," he said recently.

His acting talent was discovered in college by the late critic and essayist, Alexander Wolcott, who suggested a summer apprenticeship at the BTF. Wolcott was an alumnus of Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., where Roerick majored in English literature and philosophy and graduated in 1934.

Roerick lived that summer of 1935 with the Rudd family of Tyringham. Three years later, he bought a rustic hideaway in the same neck of the woods. He calls the place The Lost Farm because it is so hard to find.

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After his first Berkshire summer, Roerick returned to New York and got lucky again. He landed a walk-on part in a star-studded production of "Romeo and Juliet." When Tyrone Power accidentally nicked another actor's face in a dueling scene, the injured actor bowed out and understudy Roerick was catapulted to a major role.

He went on to play Laertes to John Gielgud's Hamlet, a production that also starred Lillian Gish and Dame Judith Anderson. He met his friend and Tyringham neighbor, Thomas Coley, with whom he later collaborated on a play, in the original Broadway production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town."

During World War II, Roerick was called from infantry duty to tour the world with "This is the Army," an Irving Berlin show that raised millions for emergency relief. When the war was over, the Stockbridge theater reopened, and Roerick took the leads in "Charlie's Aunt" and "The Importance of Being Earnest."



Abby Pratt

William Roerick
In 50th BTF role

Roerick says he does not suffer stage fright. Instead, before a performance, he feels exhilarated.

"It's not you out there, it's your character," he explains.

In 1953, Roerick moved to Hollywood, where friends said the action for actors was. He has appeared in films, including "A Separate Peace" and "Day of the Dolphin," as well as television shows. But when he found himself checking to see if the tan on his sides was as deep as the tan on his back and front, Roerick decided it was time to head back East.

He can learn a role in short order. For his portrayal of Henry Chamberlain in the television soap, "The Guiding Light," Roerick reads the script a week in advance and then goes over it the night before.

"If you know who you are while you're speaking, what you say comes relatively easily," he says. The lines in a well-written play come from the character, he says, and that makes them easy to remember.

The toughest part of being an actor, according to Roerick, is learning to accept rejection. Trying out for a part and not getting it can make any actor lie awake at night wondering whether it was his weight, his face or the color of his eyes that made the difference.

"It's just as mysterious when you

get the part as when you don't," he says.

"Bill" Roerick was born in Hoboken, N.J., son of the late William G. and Josephine Clark Roerich. (He changed the spelling of his name for simplicity's sake at the urging of actor Clifton Webb.) He grew up in New York, where his father headed Oxford University Press in the United States.

He went to public schools in New York City — P.S. 7 and George Washington High School. At Hamilton, Roerick got an old-fashioned liberal arts education, which he values very highly.

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Roerick, who has haunted museums and art galleries since childhood, is helping his alma mater acquire an art collection for a new college museum. In 1971, Hamilton awarded him an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

An actor must know how to fill the time when he's not working, according to Roerick. In addition to art, Roerick likes books (he is currently reading a novel by Barbara Pym), music, gardening, mushrooms, weeds and wildflowers. He is also on the board of the BTF.

A bachelor, he divides his time between Tyringham and New York and counts Coley and actresses Teresa Wright and Dorothy McGuire as his non-blood family.

Bill Roerick says he has had a wonderful life. At 71, he does not appear to be slowing down. And he keeps returning to the same theme:

"I've been very, very lucky."

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Detector law unenforced, but devices selling in Lee

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — Town officials say they will not enforce a new ordinance requiring smoke detectors in private homes, but the devices nevertheless are selling like hotcakes at local hardware stores.

A special town meeting adopted the ordinance three weeks ago at the request of the Volunteer Fire Department. The measure requires all homeowners to install smoke detectors within a year.

According to Town Counsel Jerome J. Scully, either the town's building inspector or the volunteer fire department could attempt to enforce the ordinance. But the procedure would be cumbersome.

"If one of the responsible officials had probable cause to believe there was a violation, he could ask to inspect the premises," Scully said.

"And if he was turned down, I suppose he could eventually get a search warrant. But I can't foresee the building inspector or anyone else going around inspecting houses indiscriminately. I think it would come about only as a result of a specific complaint."

Even if it were legally possible for him to check all the private homes in Lee, Building Inspector Edward M. Briggs said he does not have the time or energy to do so. He said he supports the ordinance, because it is in everyone's best interest to install smoke detectors. But he will leave enforcement to the Fire Department.

Legal problems

Acting Fire Chief Lazzaro J. "Digger" Buffis said he has no intention of getting mixed up in legal problems like obtaining search warrants from a judge. He said his department will check only apartments, newly-constructed homes and houses that are being sold.

Firemen will not inspect a single-family home unless it is either brand new or changing hands, Buffis said.

"Apartments I can inspect," he said. "New houses I can inspect. And if a house is being sold, I can inspect it. Otherwise, I have no authority to come into your home."

Buffis said the Fire Department was aiming to improve the safety of apartment buildings when it requested the town meeting to adopt the ordinance.

The ordinance is a section of state law (Chapter 148, Section 26E) that cities and towns can adopt as a local option. It has two provisions:

- In one- and two-family houses, it requires a smoke detector on each level of habitation, as well as in the basement.

- In buildings with three to five

dwelling units, it requires a smoke detector in each unit, outside of each bedroom, in the basement and in all common hallways.

Up to \$1,000 fine

After the one-year grace period, the ordinance provides for fines of up to \$1,000 per violation.

An informal survey of local hardware stores indicated that sales of smoke detectors have jumped since the ordinance was adopted.

Peter W. Consolati, co-owner of Lee Hardware at 69 Main St., said he has sold at least 14 of the devices in the last two weeks.

"There's definitely been an increase," he said. "They're going fast."

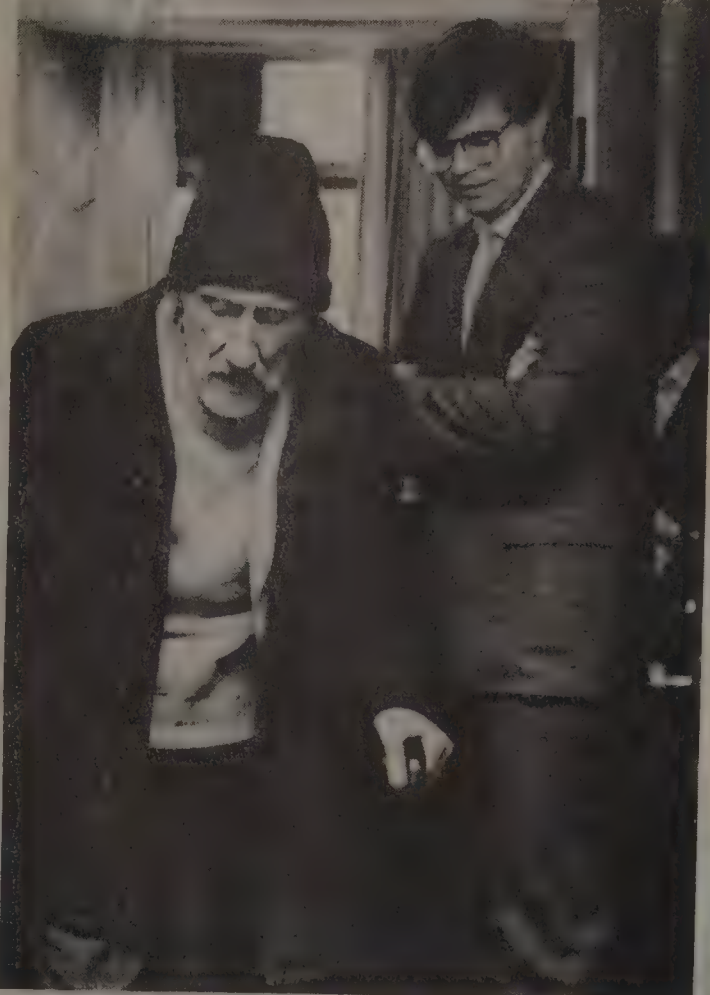
Robert W. Lester, owner of Marble Hardware at 54 Main St.,

also noted a boost in sales. He said he has sold 10 to 12 detectors in the last two weeks. But, he said, he is not sure whether the boost is due to the ordinance or to a sale that slashed prices on detectors from \$12 each to under \$7.

At Carr Hardware's Lee branch on Park Street, manager Nelson J. DeWitt yesterday moved smoke detectors from the middle of the store to a prominent display in the front window. He said he has sold about 20 detectors in the last two weeks, which he called a small increase but "nothing extravagant."

He predicted that homeowners will treat the ordinance as they do many other rules.

"It'll be just like car inspections and registrations," he said. "They'll all wait until the last minute."



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AT STATEHOUSE with his friend, Rep. Christopher J. Hodgkins of Lee, Frederick Preston Dobbrow departs following a visit.

Home found for Dobbrow

By Margaret Pantridge

State Rep. Christopher J. Hodgkins thinks he has finally found a refuge for his homeless Boston friend, Fred Preston Dobbrow.

Yesterday Kevin McCarthy, a former classmate of Hodgkins's at the University of Massachusetts, now a member of the Franciscan religious order, offered to take the 74-year-old Dobbrow in at St. Francis' House, a shelter at 39 Boylston St. in the Back Bay.

The shelter, which is operated by the Franciscans, will provide Dobbrow with meals, a social worker and assistance in finding a permanent home, Hodgkins said.

"They take care of the folks who slip through the cracks — the people who slip through the safety net," Hodgkins said.

McCarthy called after reading accounts of Dobbrow's problems in the press, Hodgkins said.

"Dobbrow today to take him over to St

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Housing project for the elderly dedicated in Lee

LEE — This town's new \$1.7 million elderly housing project was dedicated yesterday with speeches, awards and an open house.

Called Hyde Place, the project is a three-story, brick and wood building on Main Street across from the Public Library. It contains 41 apartments, including five with facilities for the handicapped. All the units have been rented, and there is a waiting list of 25 people who would like to move into the complex.

Dedication ceremonies were at 2 p.m. at the Lee Congregational Church, which two years ago established a non-profit corporation — Lee Elderly Housing Corp. — to build the complex with federal funds. About 80 people attended the dedication, and more than 100 streamed through the project during the open house.

The Rev. Edward Marcus, pastor, gave the opening address in the church's parish hall. Richard E. Sitzler, president of Lee Savings Fund and of the non-profit corporation, described the history of the project.

Businesses contributed

Four local businesses — Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby Shops, Country Curtains, Lee National Bank and Lee Savings Bank — each put up \$5,000 in the spring of 1983 to cover initial expenses. With that money, preliminary studies were made and an application was prepared for federal funding. The businesses have since been repaid.

The non-profit corporation purchased the former Lee Theater on Main Street in June 1984 and demolished it to make room for the apartment complex. David J. Tierney Inc., a Pittsfield contractor, completed the project in December.

Hyde Place is named for the Rev. Alvan Hyde, who served as pastor of the Lee Congregational Church for 41 years, from 1792 until his

death in 1833. His son, Alexander, founded the academy that later became Lee High School. And his great-grandson, John M. Hyde, a professor and chairman of the history department at Williams College, spoke at the dedication about his family and childhood memories of Lee.

U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Pittsfield, gave the closing address, noting that President Reagan has proposed a two-year moratorium on all new federally-assisted housing projects.

Awards were given to the project's architect, Starbuck Smith III of Stockbridge; contractor David J. Tierney; Jane Fitzpatrick, co-owner of Country Curtains; and the seven members of Lee Elderly Housing Corp.'s board of directors. They are Marcus, Sitzler, Marilyn Sullivan, Kenneth Fleming, Donald Hunter and Ronald Nickerson.

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St. George's installs Ford as rector

LEE — The Rev. Denis B. Ford formally became rector of St. George's Church in a mass celebrated last night by the Right Rev. Andrew F. Wissemann, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

About 150 people attended the mass at the historic stone church on Franklin Street, across from the Lee Library.

Ford, 38, has been serving as rector of St. George's since June. He previously had been rector of St. Barnabas and All Saints' Church in Springfield for seven years.

The mass included both the institution of Ford as rector and a celebration of his new ministry. Three church officers — Ralph Roosa, senior warden, Douglas Wilcox, junior warden, and Robert W. Lester, chairman of the search committee for a new minister — formally presented Ford to the congregation.

The Rev. John Paddock, rector of St. James' Church in Great Barrington and an old friend and seminary classmate of Ford, gave the sermon.

Florida native

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Fla., Ford graduated from Jacksonville University with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1968 and earned a master's degree in divinity from Virginia Seminary in 1972. He served as a priest and assistant rector at several churches in Florida and Virginia before moving to Springfield in 1978.

In addition to his duties at St. George's, Ford is vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd in South Lee. He will have a mass of institution there Oct. 16.

He and his wife, Margaret, and their 11-year-old son, Denis Jr., reside at St. George's rectory at 41 Franklin St. She is known by a family name, Douglass or "Doug."



Alan Cooperman
Rev. Denis B. Ford

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Post offices in Lee, Lenox and Dalton may be downgraded

The U.S. Postal Service is considering downgrading the Dalton, Lee and Lenox post offices and transferring several employees from those towns to Pittsfield, according to the president of the area postal workers' union.

Bertram E. Longstreeth, president of Local 3451 of the United Postal Workers Union, notified the County Commissioners of the possible changes by letter yesterday.

At his request, the Commissioners went on record against any lowering of the status of the three post offices.

Longstreeth's letter said the Postal Service is surveying the volume of mail that goes through the three post offices to determine whether it should be handled at the Pittsfield office.

Charles Falkowski, acting superintendent of postal operations in Pittsfield, said the Dalton, Lee and Lenox post offices would not be closed. However, he said, some clerks and letter carriers might be transferred to Pittsfield. The changes would not take place for several months, he said.

James Curley, president of the carriers' union local, said he believes the Lee post office will not be downgraded. But, he said, six carriers and three clerks from Dalton might be transferred to Pittsfield along with four carriers and two or three clerks from Lenox.

Curley said there are no indications that any workers in Pittsfield would be laid off as a result of the transfers.

Berle to head board of Rockwell Museum

STOCKBRIDGE — Lila W. Berle of Sky Farm was elected president of the board of directors of the Norman Rockwell Museum at Stockbridge at the board's annual meeting last week.

Berle succeeds John M. Deely Jr. of Stockbridge, who served as president of the board for four years and was elected an honorary director at last week's meeting.

Berle has been first vice president of the museum board for several years and has headed a committee charged with finding a site and building a new museum gallery and offices. The site chosen and being developed is Linwood Farm in the neighborhood called Glendale.

She is vice president of the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee and a member of the boards of Edith Wharton Restoration Inc. of Lenox and Simon's Rock of Bard College in Great Barrington.

Other officers of the museum board are Harry J. Stuart of Lenox, former second vice president, who was elected first vice president; and David L. Klausmeyer of Lenox, a director who was elected second vice president.

Officers re-elected to their positions were William J. Napolitano of Stockbridge, treasurer; Patricia J. Deely of New York City and Stockbridge, secretary, and Brian J. Quinn of Stockbridge, legal counsel and clerk.



Lila W. Berle

New directors chosen at the meeting were Stephen R. Lett of South Avon, Conn.; Dorothy Perkins of Lee; Jorja-Ann P. Marsden of Stockbridge; Uwe S. Wascher of Pittsfield, and George Adams of Great Barrington.

Re-elected for a second term as museum directors were Patricia Barrett of Egremont; Chauncey Loomis of Stockbridge and Hanover, N.H.; Klausmeyer and Patricia Deely.

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Zukowski will fill top slot in Lee schools temporarily

LEE — Lee High School Principal Henry T. Zukowski will take over May 20 as interim superintendent of the Lee, Otis and Tyringham public schools while a search committee looks for a successor to Vahan J. Khachadoorian.

In accepting the temporary appointment last night, Zukowski said he has decided not to apply for the permanent post.

Wants outsider

School Committee members from the three towns said that if he wanted the permanent job, he would undoubtedly be a top candidate. But in a telephone interview, Zukowski said the school system would be better off hiring someone from outside.

"I've given it a lot of thought, and I feel that Mr. Khachadoorian made tremendous improvements in the Lee school system because he brought in fresh ideas," he said. "My ideas would be from inside, along the lines of what we're already doing. We need outside talent, outside ideas — someone who can make a very good system even better."

Khachadoorian is leaving May 17 to become superintendent of schools in Millis, a community of about 7,000 near Framingham. He came to Lee four years ago from Bellingham, where he had been principal of Macy Elementary School.

School committee members from Lee, Otis and Tyringham appointed Zukowski to the interim post at their annual meeting last night at Lee High School. They also voted to pay him an extra \$2,000.

Zukowski did not ask for the temporary job or the salary. Lee School Committee Chairman Henry Greiner recommended him, and the other board members unanimously



Henry T. Zukowski
Interim superintendent

approved.

Lee, Otis and Tyringham make up School Superintendency Union 29, which has a total of 1,100 students in Grades K-12 at three schools — Otis Consolidated School, Lee Central School and Lee High School.

The search committee consists of two members from each town's school board: Greiner and Lorraine Forfa from Lee, George Dillman and Robert Clark from Otis, and Marion Clark and Janice Curtin from Tyringham.

Seventeen applicants

The committee advertised for a successor to Khachadoorian in late February and will accept applications until May 1. It will then interview candidates and submit a list of finalists to the Superintendency Union Committee, which will make

the appointment. The Union Committee has nine members, three from each town's school board.

So far, 17 people have applied for the superintendent's job, which carries a salary in the \$40,000 to \$45,000 range. None of the applicants is from inside the school system.

Since Khachadoorian has accumulated more than 50 unused vacation days, the School Committee members voted last night to continue to pay his salary from his departure date, May 17, until the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Zukowski, 59, became principal of Lee High School last September, when Robert Lucy retired. Before that, he had served 16 years as vice principal. Known to students as "Mr. Z," he has been a teacher in the Lee Schools since 1952.

Tyringham

Voter registrars will be in session at the Tyringham Town Hall April 13 from 2 to 4 and April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. It will be the last session held before the town election. Dog licenses will be available at both sessions.

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Lee board OK's permit for Scarafoni

15 apartments
planned at site
on Franklin St.

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — The Selectmen voted unanimously last night to grant a special permit for P. James Scarafoni to convert the Berkshire Appliance building on Franklin Street into 15 apartments.

The board had held a public hearing on the project last week but postponed a decision until last night. At the start of their regular weekly meeting at 7:15 p.m., without discussion or debate, Selectman Charles J. Driscoll moved that the permit be granted, and Chairman William F. Tyer Jr. seconded the motion.

Driscoll and Tyer have been operating as a two-man board since the death of William M. Murphy last year. If either of them had voted against the project, the permit would have been denied.

Scarafoni, owner of Lee Liquors on Main Street, has said he will add a second story to the building and install 15 apartments at a cost of more than \$400,000. Although the area is zoned for business and multiple dwellings, he needed a special permit because the bylaws restrict multiple housing projects to a maximum of 12 units per building.

In addition, the property does not meet requirements for frontage, setbacks and minimum lot size. It has 16 feet of frontage on a right of way to Franklin Street, while the bylaws require 60 feet of road frontage. It is 2 feet from side property lines and 6 feet from the rear line, while the bylaws require 10-foot setbacks on the sides and 20 feet at the rear. And the parcel is just 20,840 square feet, less than a third of the 75,000 required by the bylaws.

Several abutters have objected to the project, saying it will cause traffic congestion, create parking problems and change the character of the neighborhood.

October Mountain

Also last night, the Selectmen held a public hearing on an application from October Mountain Development Corp. for a special permit to build another 64 condominiums off East Street at a cost of approximately \$5 million. The corporation, owned by Robert H. Garrity and Philip M. Manger, is now finishing construction of 40 units allowed under a permit that the Selectmen granted about 10 years ago.

15-unit apartment building to be constructed in Lee

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — The Selectmen last night granted a special permit to contractor Thomas R. Garrity for a 15-unit apartment building off West Park Street between the Housatonic River and the Boston & Maine Railroad tracks.

Garrity said he plans to start excavation this week and to finish the project in the summer or fall.

Plans submitted to the Selectmen call for a two-story, 15,000-square-foot structure of dark brown brick, matching an office building that Garrity built on the same 3-acre property last year. The apartments are to be north of the office building, which is occupied by two computer firms.

Each of the 15 apartments will contain two bedrooms. Rents probably will be between \$350 and \$450 a month, Garrity said. He estimated the cost of the project at about \$600,000.

Selectmen William F. Tyer Jr.

and Charles J. Driscoll granted the permit after a 30-minute public hearing at the Airolidi Building. The only abutters who turned out were Gale and David Dobson, owners of Dave's Import Service, a garage on West Park Street. They said they were fully in favor of the apartment complex.

Garrity needed a special permit to exempt the project from a town bylaw that imposes a limit of 12 apartments per building.

Impact on water system

Most of the hearing concerned the impact of the apartments and similar housing projects on the water system.

Louis V. Failla, chairman of the Planning Board, said the town will face a water shortage for the next three to five years until two new reservoirs are built as part of the Washington Mountain Brook Project. He said he supported Garrity's application, because a 1982 study showed that Lee needs more rental

apartments. But, he predicted, the water shortage eventually will force the Selectmen to stop approving new housing projects.

"At some point, you're going to have to say no to one of these applications," he told the Selectmen. "Or else, a few years from now, we're going to get caught with our pants down and our mouths dry."

After hearing Failla's remarks, the Selectmen asked David M. Parker, chairman of the Department of Public Works, whether the town could supply water to more housing developments.

He replied that the town's reservoir was designed to yield 650,000 gallons per day — about half of the 1.2 million gallons Lee now uses.

"When we get down to the bottom line, there really isn't enough water for anything more," he said.

Two other projects

However, Parker added, he was not opposed to Garrity's plans. He noted that the Selectmen recently received applications for two similar construction projects and already approved one of them, a complex of 15 apartments on Franklin Street.

The other application was from October Mountain Development Corp. to build 64 condominiums off East Street. It is still pending.

While he agreed with Failla that the town is facing a water shortage, Parker said it would be unfair for the Selectmen to approve some projects while denying others because of water problems.

"We are all in this together," he said.

Planning Board member Marion Greenleaf suggested that the town consider imposing a moratorium on housing projects for a few years. But Tyer and Driscoll both said they favored continued growth.

"If we continually wait until conditions are ideal and we have plenty of water, we won't have anything in this town," said Tyer.

Lee hearing postponed

LEE — P. James Scarafoni last night withdrew his application to construct 15 apartments on Franklin Street but said he would reapply at a later date.

The Selectmen had scheduled a public hearing on the project at 7:30 p.m. in the Airolidi Building. Shortly before the hearing was to begin, however, Scarafoni asked to withdraw the application, saying he had incorrectly advertised the session.

More than 50 people attended the hearing, which began with a presentation by the corporation's attorney, Gerald A. Denmark. He said the developers would build the condos over a period of three to five years, and once the units were sold, the condominium owners' association would be responsible for maintenance of all roads and land within the 31-acre development. So far, he said, the developers have been selling their existing condominiums primarily to summer residents.

Robert Jordan, engineer for the project, said it would increase the flow into Lee's sewage system by a maximum of 1 percent and would increase the demand for town drinking water by the same amount. The existing condos already are on town sewers and water lines.

Residents at the hearing expressed concern about erosion, runoff of rain water, parking facilities, the size of the project, the entrance road, and the impact on the town sewer and water systems.

Thomas and Karen Chouiniere of Bradley Street complained that water running off the development has caused erosion on their land. They also said their drinking water, which is provided by the town from Washington Mountain Brook, is foul. If Lee does not have enough water to provide residents with a clean supply, they said, it should not allow more developments.

The Selectmen took the application under advisement and requested the Department of Public Works to evaluate the project's possible impact on town services, such as sewers, water lines and road maintenance.

The legal notice of the hearing, which Scarafoni was required by law to publish in a local newspaper, said he was seeking a special permit from the Selectmen. But it cited an incorrect section of the town bylaws — a section dealing with permits from the Planning Board for alteration of existing, non-conforming uses.

He said he would contact his lawyer and reapply to the Selectmen. This time, he said, he will place a legal notice citing the correct section of the bylaws, which deals with permits for multiple dwellings.

Scarafoni, owner of Lee Liquors on Main Street, has an option to purchase the Berkshire Appliance building at 19 Franklin St., directly behind the public library. If the Selectmen grant him a permit, he said, he will spend more than \$400,000 to convert the building into rental apartments.

Larry Cernik of Tyringham, owner of Berkshire Appliance, said last night that his appliance sales and service business is still operating at the site. If he sells the property to Scarafoni, he added, he will move the company to another location.

In other business last night, the Selectmen reviewed the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority's plan to build a group home in Lee for eight mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed people.

The home, which would be paid for by a \$240,000 state grant, would be on a vacant lot just south of Brown Memorial Court, the elderly housing complex on Marble Street. Construction is slated to begin in the spring, according to David Osterhout, executive director of the regional housing authority.

A public hearing was held on the project last fall, when the authority submitted the grant application to the state Executive Office of Communities and Development.

After the group home is built, the authority plans to turn it over to the Lee Housing Authority, which owns and operates Brown Court. The state Department of Mental Health would provide 24-hour supervision for residents of the home, said Osterhout.

The Rev. Walter S. Ryan, chairman of the LHA, said he is fully in favor of the project.



ADVOCATES for industry, County Commission Chairman John J. Pignatelli, left, and Donald E. St. Pierre, executive director of the Berkshire County Development Commission,

speak out in favor of attracting new companies to settle on Route 102 in Lee. The Lee Selectmen supported their view.

Nathan L. Wilbur

Lee Selectmen give nod to effort to woo industry

LEE — Told by Berkshire County Development Commission director Donald E. St. Pierre that Lee possessed industrial sites off the Turnpike that North Berkshire towns "would give their eyeteeth for," the Selectmen last night gave St. Pierre the green light to map out strategy with the town's industrial development commission to attract new industries to the area.

St. Pierre, accompanied by County Commission Chairman John J. Pignatelli, told the board that companies seeking new plant sites gave priority to those situated within two miles of an exit with an interstate highway. Observing that Route 102 — served by town sewer and water lines — offers direct access to the Turnpike, St. Pierre said, "That's what companies are looking for. Lee," he added, "is sitting right in the middle of the county's most developable place."

Pignatelli said it was the aim of St. Pierre's board, and of county agencies concerned with industrial development, to work together to woo "high-tech" industry to the Berkshires. Although he said Lenox was "disappointed" that General Electric Co. chose to es-

tablish its proposed \$20 million plastics technical center in Pittsfield rather than at the former Cranwell School, Pignatelli said, "We're glad to have it in the area, because it means more jobs for everyone."

Development of GE's plastics center in Pittsfield will draw other plastics-related companies to this area, St. Pierre said. Right now, he said, "There are 24 companies in Berkshire County involved in plastics, employing several thousand people. Other companies like to group themselves around others of the same kind."

St. Pierre told the Selectmen he wanted to bring Lee's advantages to the attention of companies, then let the town decide if it wished to encourage them to settle here.

"I think that's fantastic," Selectmen Chairman Maria D. Bettega said. She proposed that St. Pierre meet with the industrial development commission — Richard E. Sitzler, Frank Consolati, John Cysz and Joseph Savery — to determine optimum uses for the Route 102 area.

Rolling Through the Berkshires

Lee to Great Barrington (via Stockbridge) at 10 miles an hour



Photographs by Clemens Kalisher

Erie Lackawanna coaches from the 1920's take passengers along a 15-mile trip that allows time for a bite at the Stockbridge station.

The station's yellow pine waiting room is now a pleasant dining room in which to eat before or after the train ride. Called Sullivan Station, the restaurant offers turn-of-the-century railroad fare — steaks, chops and beer — as well as sandwiches (\$4 and \$5) with names such as "The Club Car," "The Lionelle" and "The Superline Burger."

The train theme continues in a 1941 red caboose where railroad buffs can buy blue-and-white-striped engineer caps, antique signal lamps and potholders, dish towels, aprons, quilts and calendars — all printed with the railroad motif.

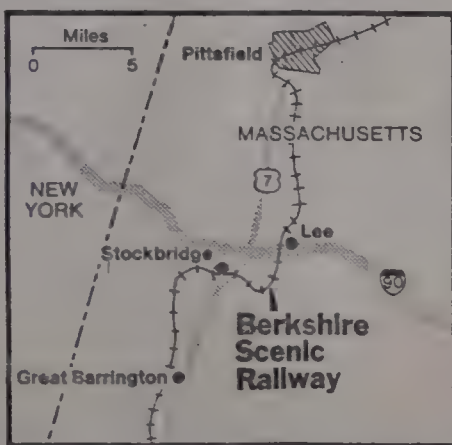
The railroad's locomotive is parked on a siding nearby. An industrial workhorse, it is an 80-ton, 1947 diesel General Electric Center Cab. The passenger coaches, four 1920's-vintage Erie Lackawanna coaches, rolled for decades with the New Jersey Transit Authority before coming to the Berkshires for a genteel retirement this summer.

Several gallons of paint thinner and no small amount of elbow grease were used to remove decades of New Jersey grime; now the Berkshire Railway is one of the few where you can lean your arm on the window-sill without worrying about dirtying a sleeve.

Volunteers stripped off coats of paint and uncovered mahogany arm rests, globe lamps with brass collars and cast-iron bases as well as two sets of clerestory windows.

The seats are comfortable padded vinyl or wicker. Next season, the Sullivans hope to add a dining car.

A blast from the locomotive's air horn is



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the signal to climb aboard (it will also become a reminder to sit in the back, after one makes the mistake of sitting directly in the horn's line of fire). During the 90-minute ride to Great Barrington, the engineer gives loud blasts at unprotected crossings, and the air horn soon loses its appeal.

As passengers pull out of Lee they see on their right two houses listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The first is the Hyde House, a Federal structure built in 1793. Painted maroon and gray and standing on a knoll, the house was the home of Lee's first minister.

To the left is the largely abandoned 500-foot-deep chasm of Lee Marble Company. During the second half of the 19th century, marble blocks from the quarry were shipped down the rail line to help build the Washington Monument, the Capitol and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Soon on the right, one sees the back of another National Register house, the red brick, with white trim, Merrell Tavern. The Federal-style structure was built in 1794 by Timothy Witten, a businessman who later became

a general in the state militia. During the early 19th century, the tavern catered to passengers riding stagecoaches of the Red Bird line, which ran between Hartford and Albany. After decades in private hands, the house reopened in 1982 as a bed and breakfast.

Immediately afterward on the right is the Hurlbut paper mill built in 1868. In the late 19th century, Lee had 18 paper mills, but the Hurlbut mill, now owned by Mead Specialty Papers, is one of only three remaining.

Rolling through a wilder stretch, the train passes lily ponds where duck hunters have set decoys among the cattails and bulrushes. Stretching along the horizon to the left is Beartown State Forest where, after a long absence, black bears were spotted this year. Underbrush along the line has yet to be cut back for some of the better views and occasionally a branch slaps in an open window.

Dick Hover, a conductor, discourages passengers from sticking their arms out of the windows, and in an amiable way wishes everyone a good time. Even so, some passengers insist on reaching out to pick black-eyed Susans, goldenrod and Queen Anne's lace. "It used to be that you could ask the engineer to

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stop if you wanted to pick foliage in the fall," recalled one passenger who rode the Berkshire line in the 1920's.

"This is a real nice stretch of track," Mr. Hover said on a recent run. The conductor spent 15 years with Penn Central as brakeman, swingman, fireman and conductor. But after a prolonged layoff, he now drives a truck during the week for the state highway department.

"I'd go back in five minutes," Mr. Hover said of his life on the rails. A volunteer, he rides the Berkshire run every weekend wearing his old Penn Central cap.

Shortly before pulling into Stockbridge Station, passengers can spot a single-span suspension footbridge. The bridge leads to a limestone chasm called Ice Glen and was built by the Laurel Hill Association.

Founded in 1853, the association is believed to be the first village improvement society in America. In 1889, the association complained to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad about their town's depot, which they disdained as "an ugly little frame building."

By the late 19th century, the Berkshire line had become chic as wealthy families from New York started building elegant summer "cottages." In the pre-income tax era, Sloans, Vanderbilts and Westinghouses arrived by private railroad car to visit their estates in what was rapidly becoming a Newport in the mountains. Twelve trains a day on the line was not unusual, and the Friday night train out of Grand Central to the Berkshires was called "The Millionaire Special."

"The millionaires would often have milk and eggs sent down from their farms in the Berkshires so they would arrive in New York by dinner time," said Mr. Parrish.

In this gilded era, Stockbridge's drafty depot was no longer suitable. According to Mr. Parrish, Joseph Choate, then the Ambassador to Britain, enlisted Stanford White to draft blueprints for a new Stockbridge station. At the time, Mr. White was designing Naumkeag, Mr. Choate's summer home in Stockbridge.

The result, completed in 1893, is a well-proportioned English Gothic-revival building, with blue dolomite walls and an American shingle roof. The station is now a restaurant called John Henry's.

For passengers who want to explore Stockbridge, the Red Lion Inn, the Mission House and the Norman Rockwell Museum at the Corner House are a five-minute walk away.

A few minutes out of Stockbridge, the single track follows the river bank in a long double-S curve. At one turn in the river, one spies water spilling over the dam of an old stone powerhouse. Built in 1907 on the fastest stretch of rapids in the area, the powerhouse was abandoned in 1948. But the energy crisis made small-scale hydroelectric projects viable again, and, in 1979, the powerhouse reopened.

The train runs through a cool glade of long-needle pines, and then suddenly emerges into the sunlight. Crossing a river trestle, passengers get an unexpected view of Monument Mountain, a 1,710-foot peak.

Looking downriver, one can also sight the remains of a dam for the power station of Monument Mills. In the 1890's, William Stanley, a Great Barrington native and inventor of the transformer, used this hydro station to experiment with alternating current. In 1894, he made the world's first long-distance transmission of high-voltage alternating current, sending 1,500 volts from the power station to Great Barrington, seven and a half miles away.

Rising on the right, shortly after the river is crossed, is the brick complex of Monument Mills in the town of Housatonic. Monument Mills,



Clemens Kallander

Scene from rear of the train.

founded in 1850 when the railroad was completed, came to reign for 60 years as the world's largest producer of woven cotton bedspreads. The first workers were Irish immigrants who had fled the potato famines of the 1840's, built the Berkshire line, and then stayed on to work in the mills.

During the Civil War, Monument Mills churned out material for uniforms. Now, the partially abandoned complex recalls the earliest days of America's industrial revolution. A far cry from the today's leafy hills, Berkshire county was a national textile center in the mid-19th century. About 85 percent of the land was deforested and given over to raising sheep for wool.

A few miles down the track, after crossing a flat farming plain, the train passes an oddly familiar Gothic church on the left. Built as a farmer's chapel in 1887, the deconsecrated structure gained national fame in 1969 as the home of Alice Brock in the counterculture movie "Alice's Restaurant."

Approaching Great Barrington, one glimpses on the left the last paper mill on the route, the Victorian towers of the Centennial Mill. Built in 1873 and now the Rising Paper Company, the mill produces what is considered to be among the finest quality rag papers in the world. The Metropolitan Museum of Art has used Rising paper to back paintings and prints in its collection.

Arriving in Great Barrington, passengers disembark at the 1901 beaux arts-style station. The last train to New York rolled through in 1972, and the brick station has long since been converted into offices. However, the town, with numerous shops and restaurants, is a two-minute walk away.

Waiting at the end of the line on a recent Saturday afternoon, Mr. Klausmeyer stood under the track canopy with his wife, Suzanne, and about 25 relatives. He and his wife were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

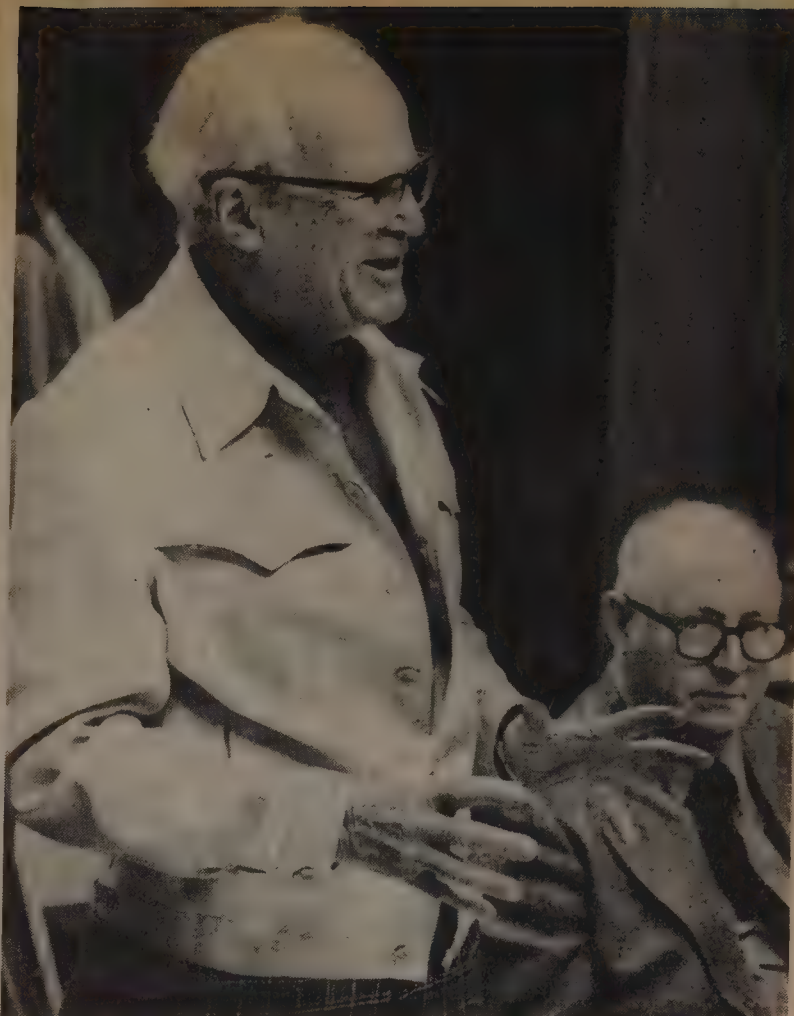
"We thought it would be a nice way to have the whole family together and enjoy the Berkshires," he said. "There are three generations here, and some haven't ever been on a train before."

If you go

The Berkshire Scenic Railway operates weekends and holidays through the end of October, weather permitting. Three runs are made each day of operation; the first departure is from Sullivan Station, Lee, at 8 A.M.

Round-trip tickets valid for stops in Lee, Stockbridge and Great Barrington are \$6, \$5 for older people and \$3 for children under 12. Lunch and dinner are available at restaurants in the Lee and Stockbridge stations.

For group rates, reservations and more information, contact Sullivan Station (Post Office Box 298, Lee, Mass. 01238; 413-243-2872). J. B.



Nathan L. Wilbur

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER Frank J. Kelly, standing, explains the commission's fiscal 1983 budget to the Lee Finance Committee. Seated at right is Town Clerk John J. Nagle.

Cable TV firm selling out; buyer plans more channels

By Richard T. Delmasto

Berkshire Cable Television Co. Inc., which serves subscribers in Great Barrington, Stockbridge, Lee and Lenox, will be sold next month to a subsidiary of the Century Insurance Co.

The prospective new owner, Century Berkshire Cable Co. Inc., intends to increase the service from 12 to 35 channels, according to Ronald E. Oliveira, who has been attorney for the cable company since its inception in 1966.

Berkshire Cable Television entered into a contract with Century Berkshire Cable for the sale of all assets April 29. The sale is contingent upon the proper transfer to the new company of the franchises held by Berkshire Cable in the four towns it serves. Separate public

hearings on the transfer are scheduled next month before the selectmen in each of the towns.

Oliveira said Century Insurance Co. owns other cable companies operating across the country. He said the prospective owners do not intend to change the policy on expansion into new areas now in place in each of the four towns under Berkshire Cable Television Co.

Two Bristol, R.I. men, James E. Macdonald Jr. and George L. Sisson of Macdonald & Sisson Inc. acquired Berkshire Cable Television Co. in 1975. Oliveira said the current stockholders are the children of Macdonald, who is president of the firm. Sisson is no longer associated with the firm, he said.

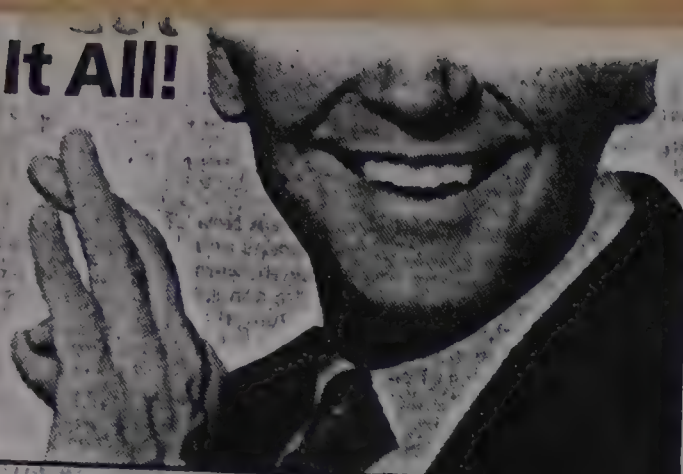
Oliveira said he could not recall the purchase price, but that it is listed with other detailed information about the impending sale and the new owner in the town halls of the four towns.

The cable company has been operating since 1966, when its first owner, High Fidelity Cable Television of Great Barrington, a subsidiary of Billboard Publications Inc., was awarded a franchise to operate in Great Barrington.

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Special Guest: Glenn Frey

1pm



STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND!

News 11pm

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11 o'clock news that conventional wisdom might suggest. Wednesday night, the tail end of the Celtics-76ers game on Ch. 5 and the first half of "Hotel" on Ch. 4 drew 20 ratings. But Ch. 4 had a half-hour to fill at 10:30 and did with the "BC Video Yearbook" which drew a 4 rating. As a result, Ch. 5's ratings for the 11 p.m. news nearly doubled Ch. 4's. Celtics, however, should be an enormous boost to Ch. 56, which will carry their games next year. The Ch. 56 news will immediately follow Celtics telecasts.

CRITIC'S CORNER



ALFRED HITCHCOCK Gets carried away

Ch. 38 is the place to be for an 18-episode marathon of the half-hour "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. (Reviewed on Page 61.) Elsewhere, Ch. 56 has the movie "Fame" at 8, and "Great Performances" begins the three-part "Man From Moscow" miniseries at 9 on Ch. 2. Today is the first of the month, which means network cable movies at 8: "Yentl" on Showtime and "Blame On Rio" on The Movie Channel.

- ED SIEGE

why Fred Preston Dobbrow can't find a comfortable place to stay on a regular basis. Preston, as his friends call him, is "Out" in more ways than the obvious.

Last year, he would have had a warm bed and three squares a day. Last year, the homeless were "In" and everybody on Beacon Hill including the governor got all hot and bothered about finding places for them.

Incidentally, that's where Preston sleeps most nights: Beacon Hill. He used to rack out at the rear of the State House parking lot until it got too cold and the Capitol Police let him come in and sleep in the corridor.

Chris Hodgkins got to know Preston after stopping to ask him why he was setting up light housekeeping in the lot. The two don't have that much in common: Hodgkins is a 27-year-old freshmen state representative from Lee; Preston is 74, mildly retarded and has no real address.

Hodgkins took an interest in the man. He brought him inside the State House and told him he could spend the night in his office. That was a couple months ago.

"Then I called Phil Johnston, the head of Human Services," Chris Hodgkins said. "I wanted to help get Preston off the street, find him a place to sleep."

"Preston went over there and they had somebody talk to him. That's all. Talk to him."

"This guy has no place to stay. You can't just talk to him. That doesn't put food in his belly or give him a warm place to sleep. Anyway, nothing happened."

Well, something happened: While Hodgkins kept banging away at Johnston's bureaucracy, he allowed Preston to sleep in State House quarters.

On the night of Gov. Michael Dukakis' "State of the State" speech, old Preston, warm and comfortable, was stretched out on a couch inside another rep's office. Suddenly, the door opened and ... let's have Preston explain the situation.

"There was a fellow standing there with a female person," said Fred Preston Dobbrow. "He looked at me and said 'what are you doing here?' 'You can't stay here,' he told me."

"See, he was a representative and I guess him and this female person wanted the couch so I got up and left. I don't know if he was married or if the female person was his wife or something. I don't know that."

Meanwhile, Hodgkins was also learning the facts of life. Nobody jumped out from behind a desk down in Human Services to take care of Preston. Nobody said, "Holy Cow, Representative Hodgkins, thanks for bringing this old guy to our attention. We'll take care of him right away."

Instead, they did the predictable: Sat on their fairly well paid behinds, pushed papers and asked dumb questions like "Does he have a family?" or "Does he have any money?" expecting Hodgkins to answer: "Sure. He has plenty of both. He's just an eccentric sportsman who wants to see how close he can come to freezing to death in the State House parking lot as part of a special segment he's doing for 'Wide World of Sports.'"

"I've called Human Services umpteen times about Preston," Chris Hodgkins said last night. "I told them: They can't just talk to him. I've brought him over there to see them. I've tried to make him an issue. He's a human being."

Wednesday night, Preston slept beneath a stairwell at the crowded Lindemann Mental Health Center. Last night, his new friend Chris Hodgkins gave the old man 10 bucks so that Preston could rent a place at the Brewster Rooms in the heart of the Combat Zone. So, Ralph Preston Dobbrow, 74, and not part of this winter's trend, had a place to ward off Thursday night's cold.

"I've had enough of this cold weather," he said. "When it's real cold out all the time, I just can't get going. I've just about had it with winter. There's not enough sun."

Tough luck, old man. Twelve months ago when you were "In," you would have been all set. What a difference a year makes.

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Francis' House, he should be all set, Hodgkins said. "And it's all done without state help. Talk is cheap, and that's what they [state officials] did with Preston — talked to him."

The Lee Democrat, who was recently appointed to the legislative committee on human services, said he plans to lobby House Speaker George Keverian, D-Everett, to establish a special commission on the homeless. Gov. Michael S. Dukakis has already established a task force on the homeless, but it apparently hasn't accomplished much, according to Hodgkins.

In the past week, Hodgkins has repeatedly expressed disgust with state Department of Mental Health officials for their failure to find a permanent home for Dobbrow. An employee of the department complained that Dobbrow was uncooperative after he missed a 10 a.m. appointment Wednesday, Hodgkins said.

But expecting Dobbrow to be on time after living in the streets for four years is unrealistic, said Hodgkins, who thought the officials should have gone out and found Dobbrow if necessary.

"They're interested in his civil rights," Hodgkins said. "But I'm interested in his human rights."

Hodgkins said he didn't know whether a meeting had taken place yet between Dobbrow and a man who called Wednesday to say he might be a distant relative and would like to help.

Dobbrow came into the public spotlight last week when Boston Globe columnist Mike Barnicle wrote a column about his plight and Hodgkins's attempts to help him. Off and on since Christmas, when Hodgkins discovered him washing his socks in the sink in a Statehouse restroom, Dobbrow has slept on the couch in Hodgkins's office.

The Department of Mental Health found Dobbrow a temporary shelter for Tuesday and Wednesday nights, but Hodgkins said he expected a more permanent solution. "They're not trying as hard as I think they could," Hodgkins said.



Alan Cooperman

TOASTING the 30th anniversary of Joe's Diner in Lee are the proprietor, Joe Sorrentino, flanked by two of his six sons, Frank, left, and Michael.

Owner of Joe's Diner serves up celebration to mark 30th year

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — Joe Sorrentino scheduled the anniversary celebration not only to the day, but to the exact minute.

The champagne bottles came out Saturday at precisely 4:30 p.m.. That's exactly 30 years after he opened his diner on Center Street.

Some customers knew the moment was coming. Others were surprised.

A few were so absorbed in their \$3.75 baked ham specials they didn't even look up when all the hoopla began. Joe had to come over and ask gently if they wouldn't like a little complimentary bubbly.

As on any other day, he was wearing a white uniform and never strayed too far from the grill, where he was tending a 3-pound mound of hash browns with a giant spatula. Weaving around him from cutting board to counter were his wife, Theresa, and several of their seven children, all of whom have spent countless hours in the family business.

The oldest, Deborah, 28, now works at Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby Shops on Route 102. The others still take turns with the roast pork, meat loaf, corned beef and avocado delight. They are Joe Jr., 26, Michael, 25, Frank, 23, Robert, 21, Sam, 18, and Peter, 14.

Somehow, they and a devoted crew of 12 employees manage to turn out 800 meals a day in a room the size of two Cadillacs with three tables, 14 counter seats, two video games, a cigarette machine and a rack of imitation Porsche sun-

fare. He's been written up in The Boston Globe and truckers have been spotted wearing "God Bless Joe's Diner" T-shirts in Montana.

At age 52, Joe says he isn't working for the money anymore. Rather, he keeps putting in 14-hour days so he can turn the business over to his sons and, in the meantime, visit with his customers.

"What else would I do?" he asks. "How else would I meet all these people?"

Thirty years ago, fresh out of the Army — he served as a corporal in the Third Cavalry in Korea — he bought the diner from Leo A. Gatewood. That was before the turnpike came through Lee, and Happy's Diner, as it was called, was primarily a truck stop.

Today, it still serves truckers. But about half the meals are take-out orders for workers at the Kimberly-Clark paper mills and other local industries. Other regulars include actors from Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, several area attorneys, a county commissioner and state and local policemen.

The interior decor — faded linoleum set off by stainless steel — hasn't changed much over the years. But Joe takes pride in that, saying low overhead keeps his prices down. Among the wall-hangings are photographs and newspaper clippings illustrating the

continuing athletic prowess of the Sorrentino family.

Joe, who was a baseball and basketball standout at Lee High School, is among the 40 adults who plan to accompany the Lee High hockey team on a tour of Russia and Finland later this month. His youngest son, Peter, is the team's manager.

Ever the sportsman, Joe agreed to provide information for a newspaper article under one condition.

"Make sure you put down that I win the foul shooting contest every year."

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Lee Selectmen OK more condos by October Mountain company

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — The Selectmen last night granted a special permit for October Mountain Development Corp. to build an additional 64 condominiums off East Street over the next three years.

The corporation's owners, Robert H. Garrity and Phillip M. Manger, said they will start the \$5 million project within a month.

The Selectmen approved the developers' plans with two conditions: The north side of the 31-acre property must be graded so rain and melting snow will not run into the backyards of neighboring homes, and the corporation must agree that the town will not plow or repair roads through the development.

Erosion complaint

At a public hearing Feb. 11, two abutters, Thomas and Karen Chouinere of Bradley Street, complained that water running off the development has caused erosion on their land. Also, members of the Planning Board expressed concern that condominium buyers might expect the town to maintain their access roads.

The development, called The Village at October Mountain, already has several buildings in various stages of construction and renovation.

There are six apartment buildings, containing a total of 24 units, that were built from 1975 to 1979. Garrity and Manger are gradually converting them into condominiums.

Also, there is a newly finished block of four condominiums. And three more buildings, each of which will contain four condos, are under construction. Garrity and Manger are putting up those condos under a previous special permit

more buildings. When they are finished, the development will contain a total of 104 condominiums in 26 buildings.

Garrity and Manger said the 64 new condos will vary in size from 1,200 to 2,400 square feet and will sell for \$76,500 and up. The development is in a residential-agricultural zone and is connected to town sewer and water lines.

The Planning Board had suggested that the developers build two entrance roads, so that if one was blocked in an emergency, the other could be used to get in or out. However, the Selectmen said one 22-foot-wide entrance would be adequate.

In other business last night, the Selectmen discussed health insurance for town employees with representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield and a health maintenance organiza-

tion (HMO) at Berkshire Medical Center.

The town now pays 75 percent of the cost of Blue Cross Blue Shield's "master medical" plan for employees who work more than 20 hours per week. Employees also have the option of joining an HMO at Hillcrest Hospital. Within a few months, the Selectmen said, employees will have a third option, which is to join Berkshire Medical Center's HMO. Both HMOs are less expensive than Blue Cross Blue Shield.



-The Berkshire Eagle, Wednesday, March 20, 1985

STATEHOUSE visitors yesterday to office of Gov. Michael Dukakis constituted this delegation from Lee. UPI

State officials host Lee High skaters

By A.A. Michelson

BOSTON — The Lee High School hockey team, which leaves Friday for a 10-day trip to Russia and Finland, was given a formal sendoff yesterday, in separate exercises, by the Senate, by the House and by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.

In both the House and Senate, resolutions were passed citing the efforts of Lee and its leaders and the "unique opportunity" to exchange cultures, and expressing hope that these kinds of trips could bring "peace and tranquility" to the people of the United States and Russia.

The 17 players, their coach Paul

Porter, along with the chairman of the local booster club that raised more than \$20,000 to finance the trip and two mothers, piled into the governor's office to receive the good wishes of the chief executive.

"Anyone here from Tyngham?" the governor asked. The hands of three players went up.

"OK," Dukakis said. "That gives it a real area flavor."

The governor and his wife spend a good deal of time in Tyngham at the home of Mrs. Dukakis's father, Harry Ellis Dickson, a first violinist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Porter presented the governor with a dark blue canvas traveling bag with a "Friendship '85" logo printed on it. He also presented to the governor, to House Speaker George Keverian and to Senate President William M. Bulger, souvenir medallions commemorating the trip.

In talks to both the House and Senate, Porter said it was a "memorable" day for him and the players. He said he hopes that the trip will help "put into the past the bitter athletic differences that existed between the United States and the U.S.S.R. in the Olympics of 1980 and 1984."

The all-day visit included a tour of the Statehouse conducted by Rep. Christopher J. Hodgkins, D-Lee, and a luncheon at Quincy Market.

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Home for emotionally disturbed, retarded proposed at Lee site

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — Michael P. McManmon of Orchard Street told the Selectmen last night he would like to convert the former Earl Pero residence at 3 and 5 Park St. into apartments for 10 emotionally disturbed or retarded people.

However, Selectmen Chairman William F. Tyer Jr. and Town Counsel Jerome J. Scully said they did not think the town's zoning bylaws would allow such a facility in a business zone.

The property consists of a two-story, white wooden house and a separate, cinder-block building behind the Berkshire Bank & Trust Co. office on Park Street. According to a brochure prepared by McManmon, the residents would range in age from 18 to 30 and would receive 24-hour supervision as well as weekly counseling and some job training. Fees for room, board and other services would total about \$18,000 per person a year.

In business zone

Tyer and Scully said the brochure makes the facility sound like a school, and they noted that Lee's bylaws do not allow educational institutions in business zones except under certain conditions. Those conditions, they said, include establishment of a 100-foot buffer area of undeveloped land between the school and the street, construction of an 18-foot-wide driveway and provision of adequate parking for students and teachers.

Since the Park Street site does not have such a buffer, driveway or parking lot, McManmon cannot open the facility unless he first obtains variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Scully said. Permits from the state Department of Education, School Committee and other town boards also may be required, he said.

McManmon contended that his business would not be a school or group home, but rather a "cooperative apartment" complex for people who need some supervision but do not have severe behavior problems. He said he has checked with the state Department of Education and believes no special permits or variances are required.

The Selectmen requested Planning Board Chairman Louis V. Failla to consult state officials to determine what permits, if any, are needed to operate a home for retarded or emotionally disturbed people.

Sees discrimination

Failla said after the meeting he believes the Selectmen would be discriminating against the handicapped if they blocked McManmon's plans. He said the proposed facility is "no different than you or I renting apartments to anyone we want."

Louise Whalen of 259 Prospect St.

said she thought town officials should try to prevent McManmon and others from opening homes or schools for emotionally disturbed youths in Lee. She said she has been bothered by students at one such institution, Kolburne School, which has a campus abutting her home. And she noted that the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority has plans to construct a group home for retarded people on Marble Street.

"They're trying to make a dumping ground out of Lee," she said.

School Committee Chairman Henry G. Greiner said he was concerned about the possibility that Lee would be responsible for the cost of educating residents of McManmon's proposed apartment complex. Under state law, he said, towns sometimes have to pay for educating residents up to the age of 22.

McManmon said all residents of his complex would have either completed high school or earned equivalency diplomas, and therefore the town would not have to pay for their educations.

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- ★ being an active advocate for the people, businesses, and towns of our district.

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Teens can rake in money mowing lawns, author says

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — Robert A. Welcome of Ferncliff Avenue could become the patron saint of American teenagers.

Each summer, thousands of high school students throughout the nation earn money in a time-honored fashion: mowing lawns. But all too often, their energy is greater than their business sense.

Welcome, a 48-year-old engineer at General Electric Co. in Pittsfield, wants to change that. Though he can't take the brawn out of mowing, he's adding some brains.

In a new paperback entitled "How to Make Big Money Mowing Small Lawns," he has provided a step-by-step guide to setting up a mowing business. And while the subject may seem mundane, the detail is extraordinary.

The grass-green book contains tables of lot sizes and mowing times. It tells how to estimate prices and hourly rates of pay. It has diagrams of various types of lots. It provides advice on advertising, scheduling, lawn-mower maintenance and customer relations.

Underlying social values

In sum, it is 138 pages long, and the sole topic is mowing lawns.

Sitting in his living room yesterday, Welcome described the origin of the book and the social values that underlie it.

Five years ago, he said, his teenage son, John, was having trouble finding a summer job. No business would hire him, because he was just 14, two years under the legal working age. So Welcome suggested that he try mowing lawns and offered to help.

It was a potent partnership. While the son did all the grass cutting and dealt with customers, the father worked quietly behind the scenes, calculating expenses and profit, estimating prices, checking the effectiveness of various types of advertising, developing schedules and figuring how to earn the most money in the least time.

Some sample conclusions:

- Avoid lawns with steep banks because they take more time and are dangerous.

- Distribute business cards to lawn-mower repairmen, who will give them out to people whose mowers are broken.

- Concentrate on small lots, those under 1/4 acre.

Why just small lots? Because they can be mowed quickly, and homeowners will still pay a good price. In Welcome's words, "As I worked the numbers for income vs. time spent mowing, it became readily apparent that the smaller the lawn, the more income you can make on a per-hour basis."

John, who graduated from Lee High School last June and is entering the Air Force next month, operated the business for five consecutive mowing seasons and steadily made it more and more profitable.

Made \$30 an hour

"The first year I started," he said, "I wasn't making much money. I was taking \$10 for lawns that took two hours to do. But the second summer I was averaging \$12 to \$15 an hour, and last year I was getting \$30 an hour."

Now that his son's lawn mowing days are over, Welcome is ready to share their know-how. And like the son, the father has started his own business. He not only wrote "How to Make Big Money Mowing Small

Lawns," but also illustrated it and published it himself.

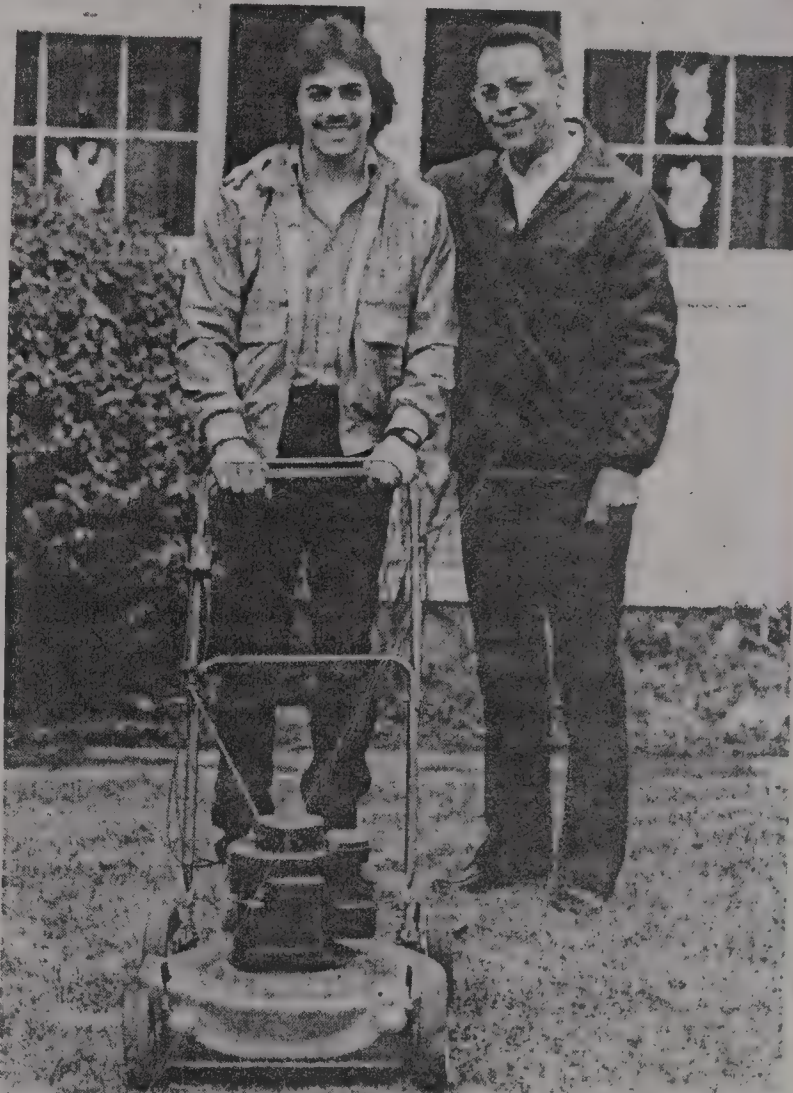
The first edition of 3,500 copies was produced by Quality Printing in Pittsfield and is not available in bookstores. Some area hardware stores and lawn and garden shops will carry it this summer, Welcome said. But for now, it is available by mail for \$11.70 (including postage and packaging) from Ferncliff Publications at 34 Ferncliff Ave. in Lee.

Welcome said he hopes to sell out the first edition without any advertising, and of course, he would like

to make a profit. But, he added, there is a second motive for writing and selling the book: He would like to foster independence and hard work among teenagers.

He said he admires President Ronald Reagan for renewing the spirit of entrepreneurialism and the ideal of every American working to support himself.

"A lot of kids will sit back and say there are no jobs," he said. "But mowing lawns is an opportunity — a real opportunity — to be independent and work for yourself."



Alan Cooperman

FATHER, SON AND LAWNMOWER have teamed up to produce a paperback book, "How To Make Big Money Mowing Small Lawns." They are Robert A. Welcome (father), John D. Welcome (son) and 20-inch rotary (lawnmower).



Mark Mitchell

OLDEST GRADUATE of St. Mary's School, Clotilda Hayes of Main Street, was honored at the school's 100th anniversary celebration yesterday by the Rev. Howard W. McCormick, pastor of St. Mary's Church. She is a member of the class of 1906.

St. Mary's School

LEE — St. Mary's School on Orchard Street celebrated its 100th anniversary yesterday with an 11 a.m. mass at St. Mary's Church, followed by the annual parish picnic at the school.

About 400 people attended the mass; between 800 and 900 turned out for the picnic, according to the Rev. Howard W. McCormick, pastor.

Among the guests were 51 nuns from the Sisters of St. Joseph, the community that founded the school in 1885. The community came to the United States from Chambéry, France, and now is headquartered in West Hartford, Conn. The 51 nuns were presented with corsages and honored by a buffet dinner.

At the celebration was the school's oldest living graduate, Clotilda Hayes of Main Street, and a member of the class of 1906.

The Rev. James Scahill, who was assistant pastor of St. Mary's from 1977 to 1981, returned for the mass and picnic. He is now associate pastor of Holy Cross Church in Springfield.

In the school's auditorium was a

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Lee to cancel study of regional landfill

LEE — Faced with strong opposition from residents to the possible establishment of a landfill for demolition debris off Maple Street, the Selectmen will tell the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission to cancel a \$15,000 study of the site.

Selectman Charles J. Driscoll made that announcement last night at a meeting of the Don't Dump on Lee Committee, a citizens' group formed this summer to fight the proposed landfill. Members of the committee said they have collected 657 signatures of residents on a petition against the landfill.

In a telephone interview after the meeting, Karl A. Hekler, director of the regional planning body, said he would follow the Selectmen's instructions.

"Of course we will terminate it [the study] if the Selectmen ask us to," he said. "If at this point they feel we'd be on a fool's errand, then it would be a waste of time."

Meeting draws 45

About 45 people attended the 7 p.m. meeting at the Lee Library, which was moderated by R. Francis Stone of East Street. Two selectmen, Driscoll and William D. Bean, were present.

Alice W. Field and Anne B. Errington, both of Maple Street, opened the meeting by outlining the history of the landfill proposal and the Don't Dump on Lee Committee. They noted that the BCRPC had approached the Selectmen in April about the possible creation of a regional landfill for demolition debris at the old gravel pits off Maple Street.

The pits, owned by John Donovan, can be seen from the eastbound lane of the Massachusetts Turnpike near the Lee interchange. Donovan has offered to operate the landfill as a private business, charging contractors a "tipping fee" to dump material there.

With the Selectmen's approval, the regional planners applied for technical assistance from the state to study the site. In July, the state Department of Environmental Management awarded \$15,000 in consulting services for the study, but Hekler said last night no work has yet begun.

would have to be changed by a two-thirds vote at a town meeting.

However, Foley said he did not think the proposal would ever get that far. He predicted that it would be quashed by various town boards, such as the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Selectmen, before reaching a town meeting vote.

Driscoll said the Selectmen initially authorized the study because they knew it would be nothing more than the first step in a long review process and because they were unaware of the intense opposition.

"To stop the study right now," he said, "all you people have to do is send a letter to the Board of Selectmen saying you are not in favor of it."

Later, Driscoll said a formal letter would not be necessary. "We've gotten the message here tonight," he said.

Nevertheless, the committee members unanimously passed a resolution asking the Selectmen to instruct the BCRPC to cancel the study. Initially, the resolution called for halting consideration of landfill sites anywhere in Lee. But it was rephrased to specify just the Donovan gravel pits.

Action due Monday

Driscoll said the board will act on the resolution at its next meeting, Monday evening.

Berkshire County has faced a shortage of places for legal dumping of demolition debris for more than two years. Hekler said the BCRPC is looking at several other sites around the county, but he declined to disclose them.

"We have to continue looking," he said, "because a lot of demolition debris is being dumped illegally on back roads and in wetlands, and as long as that is happening, all of Berkshire County is the loser."

Vending machines in Lee are in violation of bylaw

LEE — Three New York Times vending machines were placed on sidewalks in downtown Lee yesterday in violation of a town bylaw, prompting Selectman Charles J. Driscoll to call for their immediate removal.

The bylaw, approved at a town meeting in January, requires newspapers to obtain permits from the Selectmen before placing vending boxes on public property. The fee for each permit is \$50 a year.

Driscoll said no one has requested permits for the three boxes that appeared yesterday. Two are on Housatonic Street (Route 20), and one is in the Congregational Church park off Main Street.

Since the boxes are unlicensed, he said, the Police Department should use a bolt cutter to break the chains that fasten them to town property. Then, he suggested, the department should "impound" the machines.

Police Chief Edward J. Finnegan said he intends to notify the New York Times circulation department about Lee's bylaw. If the Times refuses to comply, the boxes will be taken away.

"I'm not saying who'll remove them," he said. "But you can rest

assured they'll disappear."

There are several other newspaper vending machines in Lee — including a Berkshire Eagle box by the Price Chopper store off Main Street — but they are on private property and, therefore, do not require permits, Finnegan said.

Zoning change needed

After Field and Errington had spoken, the two selectmen and Francis D. Foley Jr. of Pease Terrace described the town's zoning bylaws regarding landfills. They noted that the Maple Street area is zoned RA (residential agricultural) and CR (conservation residential). Before a landfill could be established, they said, the zoning of the site



Lee Sale-abration off to strong start

LEE — Sale-abration Days kicked off yesterday with a "tremendous turnout," despite the early morning rain, according to Marilyn K. Sullivan, chairman of the three-day event.

Sullivan said "merchants did very well," and the first day was free of complications.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the sale-abration will continue today and spill over into tomorrow. Normally the event has been on Friday and Saturday only.

Today will feature more of yesterday's specials: five cent Haagen-Dazs ice cream, rides on the Berkshire Scenic Railway, live entertainment and sidewalk bargains. The Chamber of Commerce will sell hamburgers, hot dogs and soda at its concession stand in the park.

The Scenic Railway will dedicate its new coach today at 9:30, and will run its normally scheduled trips between Lee and Great Barrington, leaving Sullivan Station at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. today and tomorrow. There will also be short rides today, from Sullivan Station to Lee

Lime Quarry every 20 minutes starting at 10:15.

Tomorrow the Tri-Town Rotary Club will hold its annual \$3 pancake breakfast; a softball tournament from 11 to 1 at the Little League field behind the Lee Savings Bank will highlight Family Fun Day.

The entertainment lineup for today includes St. Mary's Royal Drum Corps at 10:30; the Robbins-Zust Marionettes at 11:00; Schaeffer Family country music at noon; singer and guitarist Peter Apple at 1; Monument Brass Quintet from Boston University's Tanglewood Institute at 2; David Grover, singer and guitarist at 3; Tom Foody, singer and entertainer at 4, and street dancing from 7 to 9 with The Wait, a rock band.

Tomorrow, starting at noon, Mike Schiffer, pianist, will perform;

at 1 singer and guitarist John Harding will play; at 2:30 Lee and Larry Piekos will sing, and at 3:30 the Spatz family will play country music.

Main Street will be cordoned off today from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with police rerouting traffic. There will be no parking from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the south end of Main Street from Franklin to Park Street.



Photos by Joel Librizzi

OFF TO A GREAT START, the Lee Sale-abration continues through the weekend. Crowds mill along Main Street, top, and blues performer Joel Sturz of Lee entertains at the Congregational Church park.



APARTMENTS are under construction above Rossi's Restaurant at the corner of Main and Franklin streets in Lee. Owner Paul Brown, at right, is making the renovations in his spare time with help from Roger Burdick.

Alan Cooperman

Lee projects adding up to 75 downtown apartments

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — Paul B. and Jeanne M. Brown of 289 West Park St. are installing three apartments above Rossi's Restaurant at 78 Main St., the latest in a series of construction projects that will have added more than 75 rental apartments to downtown Lee by the end of the year.

Paul Brown, who is a marketing manager for General Electric Co.'s plastics division in Pittsfield, has been renovating the second floor of the building on weekends and evenings this summer. He and a friend, Roger H. Burdick of 8 Circular Ave., have gutted most of the interior, rebuilt walls, replaced windows and lowered ceilings.

This weekend, they covered the exterior with cedar siding. The Browns said the three apartments each will contain one bedroom, a living room-dining room area, kitchen and bathroom. They will have gas heat and utilities, and there will be a laundry room with a washing machine and dryer for the tenants to share.

Each apartment will contain 650 to 750 square feet of floor space and will rent for about \$500 a month, the Browns said. They said they expect the apartments to be ready for occupancy in late October.

Varied past

When the Browns purchased the restaurant in June from Edward A. Rossi, the second floor was vacant. At various times in the past, it has housed a number of shops, including a shoe store and Upstairs Basement, which is now located at 51 Main St.

The apartments will overlook Main Street, the Lee Library and a 15-unit apartment building under construction by P. James Scarafoni off Franklin Street.

Scarafoni said his apartments will be ready for occupancy Oct. 1, and 10 of them already have been rented. Each contains two bedrooms and 750 to 800 square feet of floor space. The larger ones are renting

for \$500 and the smaller ones for \$450 a month, he said.

Earlier this year, Scarafoni built five apartments above and behind Lee Liquors, a package store that he owns at 266 Main St. Rents there are in the \$350 to \$400 range.

Also, two one-bedroom apartments have been built this year above the Videofile store at 60 Main St. The owners, Steven F. and Sandra R. Consolati of 556 Fairview St., said the smaller of the two apartments is about 450 square feet and rents for \$300 a month. The larger one has approximately 500 square feet and rents for \$350.

Project for elderly

The largest apartment complex built this year is Hyde Place, the 41-unit elderly housing project on Main Street across from the library. It opened in January and was fully occupied from the start. Rents are subsidized by the federal government, so tenants pay just 30 percent of their monthly income.

Finally, Thomas R. and Barbara Garrity of Devon Road are building 15 apartments which they call townhouses off West Park Street between the Housatonic River and the Boston & Maine Railroad tracks. Each of the townhouses will be two stories high and will contain two

bedrooms. They are scheduled for completion by Dec. 31. The rental price has not yet been set.

The construction boom in Lee has been fueled by high demand for housing and by state and federal grant programs. A 1982 survey by the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission found that Lee had higher demand for rental apartments than any other town in Berkshire County. Because of a growth in the number of young families and single people in Lee, the survey projected that 290 new or substantially renovated housing units would be needed by 1990, even if the town's total population (6,174) did not grow at all.

Among the most successful grant programs this year has been a regional housing rehabilitation program administered by the Berkshire Housing Development Corp. in Lee and seven other Berkshire towns. It is aimed primarily at renovation of single-family, owner-occupied homes. But it also provides low-interest loans for renovation or construction of apartments, and participating landlords do not have to repay part of the loans if they meet two conditions: they do not sell their apartments for seven years, and their tenants meet certain income limits.

Scarafoni has built several of his apartments under the program. Steven Privitera also is renovating two existing apartments in a Victorian house at 97 Main St., next to Hyde Place, with assistance from the program.

The Brown, Consolati and Garrity projects do not involve any grants or subsidies.

500 passengers

He said the non-profit railway took about 500 people on 20-minute rides in its antique Erie Lackawanna coaches from Sullivan's to the Lee Lime Co. quarry Saturday afternoon. In addition, the railway carried approximately 800 passengers on two-hour round trips from Lee to Great Barrington over the weekend, grossing between \$2,500 and \$2,800, he said.

More than 500 people turned out for the Lee Youth Association's second annual "Family Fun Day" yesterday at the Little League field off West Park Street, according to James J. Pompei, director of the association. Events at the Fun Day included a volleyball tournament with 80 players, a series of games for children, and the finals of the Retzel-Griffin Memorial Girls Softball Tournament, which Lee's 7th and 8th Grade all-star team won by defeating a team from Adams.

About 30 people ran in a 2-mile road race sponsored by Lee Savings Bank. The top three finishers, in order, were: David Graves of Becket, Timothy Conner of Lee and Sam Sorrentino of Lee.

In a road race for children ages 6 to 10, the top three runners were Tim Shephardson, Dana O'Brien and Josh Roberts, all of Lee. In the race for children ages 3 to 5, winners were John Mitchell of Lee, Matthew McMenamy of Lee and Jennifer O'Donnell of Pittsfield.

At the request of Police Chief Edward J. Finnegan, the chamber canceled a performance by a rock band, The Wait, that had been scheduled for Saturday night. After a series of incidents Friday night, police said they were concerned that youths congregating in the park could cause trouble.

Problems with alcohol

According to Officer Joseph Bufis, the Police Department received two to three times the usual number of calls over the weekend, many of them related to Sale-bration and consumption of alcohol. He said police took "numerous" drunks home from the downtown area and responded to at least six minor au-

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OFF TO A FAST START are children age 6 and under in two-tenths-of-a-mile race, part of Lee Sale-bration Days. Mark Mitchell

Turnout at Lee's Sale-bration Days largest in seven-year history of event

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — Although precise figures on the number of people who attended Lee's seventh annual Sale-bration Days are unavailable, restaurant owners, merchants, police and town officials all agreed the turnout over the weekend was the largest in the event's history.

Although police reported several disturbances — including three fights, a car theft, and a sexual assault — the crowds in the main business district were orderly, and store owners said sales were brisk.

Estimates of total attendance at the three-day street carnival ranged from 7,000 to more than 12,000. But perhaps the best way to get a handle on the numbers is by adding up the enormous quantities of food that were consumed.

5,800 cones sold

As in past years, Francis X. Downing, proprietor of McClelland Drug Store at 43 Main St., sold 5-cent Haagen-Dazs ice cream cones as fast as his strong-wristed employees could scoop them up — and

that's pretty fast. Working in teams of two at a booth on the sidewalk in front of the store, they served a total of 5,800 cones in 17 hours, an average of six per minute.

Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce's food concession in the Congregational Church Park sold 1,700 hamburgers and 900 hot dogs, taking in about \$3,000 from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon, according to Peter W. Brown, president of the chamber and chief spatula wielder at the hamburger stand. He noted that gross revenues were equal to last year's, although the stand did not sell beer or wine this year, as it has in the past.

Both the chamber and the Lee Fire Company, which also has sold beer at previous Sale-bration Days, decided to forgo alcohol this year because of the difficulty and expense of obtaining liability insurance. As a result of turmoil in the insurance industry, it has become difficult for civic organizations to obtain insurance on public events at which alcohol is sold. Without such insurance, the organizations risk a

costly lawsuit if someone buys beer from them and then causes an automobile accident.

Sold like hotcakes

The Tri-Town Rotary Club broke all records for its annual pancake breakfast yesterday morning, feeding pancakes to more than 1,000 people and raising more than \$2,000, according to John E. Toole, president.

Sullivan's Station restaurant on Railroad Street, which had lines at an outdoor hotdog stand as well as a full dining room all day Saturday, served more than 900 meals over the weekend, according to owner Marilyn K. Sullivan, chairman of Sale-bration.

She noted that this was the first year in which there was a full schedule of entertainment Sunday afternoon at the bandstand in the Congregational Church Park. In past years, there has been entertainment only Friday and Saturday.

The combination of good weather and three full days of music, dance, and theater made the weekend "wonderful, really wonderful," she said.

Sherri James Buxton, who organized the entertainment with Lee Police Officer John Farina, said performances by the Robbins-Zust Marionettes, Terpsichore Dancers, the Monument Brass Quintet and pianist Mike Schiffer drew the largest crowds, ranging from 150 to 250 people. But, she said, "every act had a good audience."

The Berkshire Scenic Railway, headquartered at Sullivan's Station, had its best weekend ever, both in numbers of passengers and gross revenues, according to John W. Herbert, president.

tomobile accidents. Although neither the chamber nor the Fire Company sold beer, liquor was available throughout the weekend at bars and restaurants.

Buffis said there was a sexual assault "in the Main Street area" at 12:10 a.m. Saturday. He declined to give any details of the incident, which is still under investigation.

A 1985 Pontiac Grand Am owned by Robert Onuschak of West Stockbridge was stolen from Railroad Street at 10 p.m. Friday and was recovered, apparently undamaged, a few blocks away at the Price Chopper parking lot Saturday afternoon, police said.

Also on Friday night, at about 11 p.m., three unidentified men jumped out of a car at the intersection of East Street and Landers Road, where they assaulted and battered a pedestrian, Christopher J. Benzi, 19, of Cape Street, according to police.

Two brawls took place outside the Morgan House restaurant on Main Street at about 10:40 p.m. Saturday night, and people who had been at Sale-bration were involved in a fight at the Eldorado bar in Lenox Dale at about 2:15 a.m. Saturday, police said.

Lee's new superintendent

LEE
Moving into a community and taking immediate charge of its public schools seems like a daunting task. But can anything daunt a teacher who has led his students into the Sahara, taken them through tropical forests and climbed with them into the heart of an African volcano?

It's clear that Clarence C. Truesdell — an astrophysicist who has taken high school students on expeditions to some of the earth's most exotic spots, who holds a doctorate in education from Harvard and who has more than 30 years of experience as a teacher and school administrator — is not daunted by the task he assumed this month when he became superintendent of the Lee, Otis and Tyringham public schools.

But it's also clear, from a 90-minute interview Thursday in his office at Lee's Central School, that he's not overconfidently planning a raft of changes.

"I would like to spend some time seeing what's here," he said. "It seems to me this is a pretty sophisticated little school system. I approach it with a great deal of humility . . . I'm not sure I can add anything at all."

Truesdell, 56, replaces Vahan J. Khachadorian, who is now superintendent in Millis. Truesdell was born in Columbus, Ohio, where he had "the ideal childhood." Does that mean a loving family, plenty of friends, nice presents on Christmas? Yes, but also something more.

"It was just what kids dream of," he said. "My parents owned a candy factory."

Truesdell Candy Co., which made peanut clusters, chocolate-covered orange slices and the like, was run by his father, a mechanical engineer. His mother was an elementary school teacher and painter.

After earning a degree in physics from Ohio State University in 1951, he began his teaching career as a science instructor in the Columbus public schools. He also took graduate courses in astronomy and, in 1958, became a researcher at the Smithsonian Institution's Astrophysical Observatory, which is at the



Alan Cooperman
Clarence C. Truesdell
Translating a dream

Harvard College Observatory in Cambridge. That's when the globe-trotting began.

For three years, from 1959 to 1961, Truesdell ran a satellite tracking station in Spain. He also chased solar eclipses, journeying to distant lands, particularly Africa, to observe the phenomenon from the best possible positions.

On his return to Cambridge, he took charge of the Smithsonian Observatory's photo reduction section, calculating the location of satellites from precise measurements of film taken in 1,000-foot-long rolls by cameras with giant (20-inch diameter) lenses. At the same time, he studied psychology and administration at Harvard's graduate school of education, earning a master's degree in

1962 and doctorate in 1968.

Since then, he has held a variety of administrative posts, including school psychologist and principal of Burr Elementary School in Newton; superintendent of the Jacksonville public schools in Southern Vermont; associate professor of education at Stetson University in Florida, and since 1980, director of Marconi School, a public school for special-needs students on Cape Cod.

In the early 1970s, Truesdell founded and was president of a non-profit organization called Educational Expeditions International, which selected gifted teenagers from across the country and took them on scientific expeditions throughout the world. With federal grants and funding from the Explorer's Club in New York, he and other scientists led students to observe eclipses from the Sahara, study volcanoes in Zaire and learn about the teeming wildlife of the Galapagos Islands.

At the Marconi school, he worked with a far different type of student — those with severe learning disabilities. Many of them, he said, had average or above average scores on intelligence tests but weren't doing well in school.

Married at age 19, Truesdell was divorced in 1979. He has two grown children, a son and a daughter, both of whom reside in the Amherst area. Besides photography and astronomy, he likes camping, bicycling and canoeing.

Asked why he came to Lee, he said he had learned "some things" at Marconi that he wanted to try to "translate into a regular school." In particular, he said, he would like to work on "preventative" programs to stop learning problems from developing.

"My dream," Truesdell said, "is to have a school where every child learns and there is no failure."



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Wishing well

By Ed Baldwin
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The roof of the well is also constructed from waferwood, and supported by 2 x 4's. A 3/4-inch wooden dowel rod is attached to the pine supports near the top, and serves as support for the wooden bucket. The bucket can actually be reeled in by a handcrank, also constructed from a dowel rod.

I built the wishing well in the shape of a hexagon. Since I prefer the natural look, I left the well unpainted. I did stain the 2 x 4 pine for an attractive touch.

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display of memorabilia, including old graduation photographs, year-books and diplomas.

St. Mary's Royal Knights Drum and Bugle Corps, the only drum corps in Berkshire County, performed at noon. For children, Janet Pompl, director of the Lee Youth Association, organized various games and contests. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and soda were sold.

Robert Whalen of St. James Avenue was general chairman of the event, which Father McCormick said was the first of three celebrations for the school's 100th year. He said the annual parish supper in October will be geared around the an-

niversary, and there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Joseph F. Maguire of the Springfield Diocese Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church.

St. Mary's School has about 250 students in Grades 1 through 8. Although the school just turned 100, the parish is 128 years old.

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Prudden starts program for myotherapy training

By Ellen G. Lahr

LENEX — Following her break with the myotherapy and physical fitness school she founded in Lenox, Bonnie Prudden is shifting her business to an international apprenticeship training program.

In an interview at her Stockbridge home yesterday, Prudden explained that the intensive program will lead to Bonnie Prudden myotherapy and exercise therapy certification, with certified myotherapists around the United States and in other countries conducting the apprenticeship program. She said she has certified more than 100 myotherapists who are now in practice.

Prudden said the program, requiring minimal time away from home, will be designed to accommo-

date the needs of the "average" student of myotherapy and physical fitness, who is 33 years old, in the midst of a career change or starting a career. The students generally have families or have plans to start a family.

In her recent break with the Bonnie Prudden School, which occurred last spring after administrative conflicts arose between Prudden and the newly established board of directors, she took her name — and the Bonnie Prudden certification board — with her. While the newly named school, the Academy for Myotherapy and Physical Fitness, may offer certification, it will not be Bonnie Prudden certification. However, Prudden has agreed to give certification examinations to the 18

students scheduled to graduate next spring.

After next year, she said, "There's a difference between being certified and being Bonnie Prudden certified. . . . I guarantee my myotherapists, and I know they are OK."

Arthur Schmalbach, executive director of the Academy for Myotherapy and Physical Fitness, said yesterday he is confident his school's students will be no less qualified than Prudden's.

Myotherapy, he said, "has outgrown a single individual, and it now needs to be governed by the professionals themselves."

Schmalbach added that competition in business makes each business strive toward improvement, and he expects that will happen to the academy.

Because she is the inventor of myotherapy as a method of pain relief, Prudden said, her own certification is the only "legitimate" myotherapy certification. She opened her school in 1979 as a training program for myotherapists and exercise therapists.

Track record

Schmalbach replied that his academy is a fully approved and accredited school "with a solid curriculum, a solid faculty with a solid track record." The program that was accredited is intact, he said, and students will be legitimately certified when they graduate.

Before a student can be accepted into the apprenticeship program, Prudden said, she or her colleague, Enid "Beanie" Whittaker, will conduct an interview, with the goal of selecting the most qualified and capable candidates.

"We won't accept anything but the best," Prudden said.

The international apprentice program will consist of a preparation period that can be completed wherever a student has access to an accredited college or university. The preparation period requires the student take anatomy, physiology and psychology classes, as well as sculpture and dance. The classes are intended to familiarize students with anatomy, muscles and



Ellen G. Lahr

NEW VENTURE for Bonnie Prudden is an international apprenticeship training program for myotherapy and physical fitness. Prudden and her school parted ways last spring.

Since 1980, he has been director of the Nauset Regional School District's clinical teaching center in Wellfleet. The center, also known as Marconi School, provides special education for pupils at both ends of the spectrum — those who are unusually gifted and those who have learning difficulties.

Truesdell and his family reside in Chatham but plan to move to Berkshire County by the fall, according to Greiner.

A six-member search committee narrowed the field of 33 candidates to three finalists, who were interviewed by the Superintendency Union Committee over the last two weeks.

Members of the search committee said they did not know Truesdell's age, the name of his wife or how many children he has, because school boards normally do not ask about such specifics when they interview candidates.

Greiner said the committee was "very pleased" with the quality of the candidates.

He also thanked Zukowski for filling the post temporarily. "The job Hank [Zukowski] did as acting superintendent allowed us to go through the search process in a very calm and deliberate manner," he said. "We didn't have to hurry, because he was doing such a fine job."

New superintendent named for Lee, Otis, Tyringham

By Alan Cooperman

LEE — Clarence C. Truesdell, a physicist and director of a school for special needs pupils in Wellfleet, has been named superintendent of the Lee, Otis and Tyringham public schools.

He succeeds Vahan J. Khachadourian, who resigned last spring to become superintendent in Millis, a community near Framingham.

Members of the Lee, Otis and Tyringham school boards voted unanimously Saturday to select Truesdell from a field of 33 candidates, according to Henry G. Greiner, chairman of the Lee School Committee.

Truesdell, who holds a doctorate

in education from Harvard University, will take over Aug. 6 from Henry T. Zukowski, principal of Lee High School, who has been serving as acting superintendent since May.

Greiner said the Superintendency Union 29 School Committee, which consists of three delegates from each town's school board, offered Truesdell a three-year contract at a starting salary of \$45,000.

Truesdell received a bachelor's degree in physics from Ohio State University in 1951 and began his teaching career that year as a science instructor in the Columbus, Ohio, public schools. From 1958 to 1967, he was a researcher at the

Harvard-Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, one of the world's leading observatories.

During his nine years as a researcher, Greiner said, Truesdell traveled throughout the world for conferences and astronomical expeditions. At the same time, he was also a student at Harvard's graduate school of education, where he earned a master's degree in 1962 and a doctorate in 1968.

The last two years of his work as a researcher overlapped his return to teaching. From 1965 to 1970, he was school psychologist and principal of Burr Elementary School in Newton.

Then, from 1970 to 1976, he served as superintendent of schools in the Windham Superintendency Union in Jacksonville, Vt. From 1976 to 1979, he was associate professor of education and director of the graduate program in administration at Stetson University in Deland, Fla.

different types of pain. another interview will be conducted by Prudden or Whittaker to establish whether the student has performed well during the preparation period.

Intensive program

If so, the student will be admitted to a five-week, 265-hour intensive myotherapy training program with Prudden. The training will also cover communications skills, mime, psychology, exercise and nutrition. The cost of the intensive program, including room and board, is \$5,000.

The student then will be tested to determine whether he or she is prepared for the apprenticeship with a certified master instructor. Master instructors will be selected and certified by Prudden. The apprentice takes the certification exam when "the time is right." The fee for the apprenticeship program is \$4,000.

Prudden said several colleges she has contacted have agreed to explore the possibility of establishing an associate degree in myotherapy and physical fitness.

WANT TO HEAR something nice about Lee? Mrs. Shirley Lang of 30 Canal St., that town, writes us, "Many years ago my grandmother sent me the enclosed clipping from a Springfield paper. It's how I feel about Lee, and thought I'd pass it along because 1977 has been Lee's bicentennial."

It's headed "A Town Called Lee," and starts, "You can have your great metropolis with its neon-lighted life/ Where all is helter-skelter/ And each day brings renewed strife./ I've lived in concrete jungles/ From the East Coast to the West/ And, at last, have found a haven/ In a place I love the best./ Where men live honest, simple lives/ And friendships stand the test./ Where the children are the heritage/ And lives are filled with zest./ Oh, when I'm wafted up to heaven/ As someday I hope to be/ Deep within my heart/ Will be an eternal memory/ Of that quiet town, that smiling town,/ That little town called Lee." Author was Fremont L. Gentz.

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GOD'S LENT CHILD

"I'll loan you for a little while
 A child of Mine", God said --
 "For you to love the while he lives,
 And mourn for when he is dead.

It may be six or seven years
 Or only two or three;
 But will you, 'till I call him back,
 Take care of him for Me?

He'll bring his charms to gladden you
 And tho his stay be brief
 You'll have his lovely memories
 As a solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay
 Since all from earth return;
 But there are lessons taught below
 I want this child to learn.

I've looked the whole world over
 In my search for teachers true;
 And from the many who crowd life's lane
 I have chosen you.

Now will you give him all your love
 And not think the labor vain?
 Nor doubt Me when I come to take
 This lent child home again?

I fancied that I heard you say:
 "Dear Lord, Thy Will be done.
 For all the joys Thy child will bring
 The risk of grief we'll run.

We'll shower him with tenderness
 We'll love him while we may;
 And for the joys we will have known
 Forever grateful stay.

So should Thy angels call for him
 Much sooner than we've planned
 We'll take the bitter with the sweet
 And try to understand." "

—The Berkshire Eagle, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1985

Lee's Erringtons head for coast today

LEE — Anne B. and Roger E. Errington, two of this town's leading citizens, are moving today to the Marion-Mattapoisett area, where they plan to rent a home for a few weeks while their eventual residence — a 31-foot Southern Cross sailboat — is being repaired.

The boat, which Roger Errington built from a bare hull several years ago, had been completely outfitted as their permanent living quarters, and the couple had sold their home on Maple Street with the intention of sailing toward the Florida Keys and the Bahamas this month.

However, Hurricane Gloria smashed those plans by driving the boat, along with about 60 others, into the rocks of Marion Harbor, where it had been moored.

The Erringtons said the rocks punched a 20-by-30-inch hole in the hull, straddling the waterline. The boat will have to be lifted off the rocks by a helicopter, then repaired in drydock.

Insurance should cover the cost of the repairs, but many books and personal possessions on board were ruined, Anne Errington said.

The couple moved from Utica, N.Y., to Lenox 19 years ago, then came to Lee 12 years ago. He worked as an engineer at General Electric Co.'s ordnance division in Pittsfield until Sept. 1, when he retired after 30 years with the company.

She retired Aug. 30 from WBEC radio in Pittsfield, where she had been host of a daily talk show for three years. Before that, she had been a newscaster for WBEC for two years and news director for another Pittsfield station, WGRG, for five years.

She also had served 10 years on Lee's Conservation Commission and five years as chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. Local Democrats gave her a goodbye party Sunday at the Morgan House, where state Rep. Christopher J. Hodgkins, D-Lee, presented her with citations from the House of Representatives and Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.

WBEC previously had thrown a goodbye party for her Aug. 30 at the Berkshire Hilton Inn, where Mayor Charles L. Smith presented her with a key to the city.

10—The Berkshire Eagle, Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1985

Marguerite Tristany, nursing director, dies

LEE — Miss Marguerite M. Tristany, 63, director of nursing at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, died at Berkshire Medical Center yesterday after a long illness. She was a resident of 232 Main St.

Born in Lee May 6, 1922, daughter of the late Michael and Filomena Gennamore Tristany, she graduated from St. Mary's School in 1935 and from Lee High School in 1939. In 1943, she graduated from the former St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsfield, and, in 1946, became head nurse at St. Luke's. She was a faculty member of the nursing school for 27 years.

Miss Tristany recently received the Nurse of the Year award from her alma mater. She served as director of nursing at St. Luke's School of Nursing at Berkshire Medical Center. Between 1974 and 1978, she was coordinator of hospital education services at BMC. In 1978, she became director of nursing at Fairview Hospital. She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing education from Boston University and a master of science degree from North Adams State College.

A communicant of St. Mary's Church, she was a member and past president of St. Mary-St. Martha Sodality. She was also a eucharistic minister at the church, and has

taught Christian Doctrine classes.

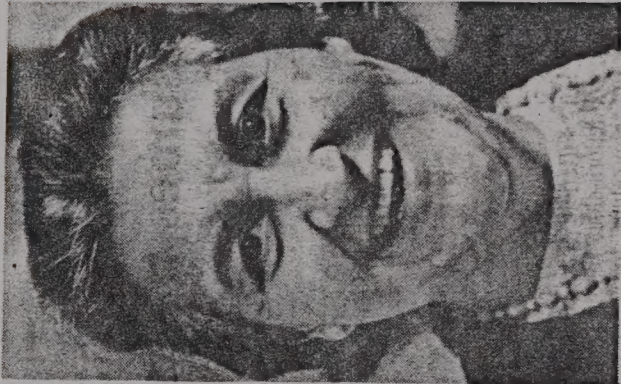
Miss Tristany was a member of St. Luke's Nursing Alumni, and was that group's former president. She was an affiliated member of the New England Council of Catholic Nurses, the Massachusetts Society for Nursing Service Administrators, Western Mass. Directors of Nursing and the New England Organization for Nursing. She was also on the advisory committees of the Southern Berkshire Educational Collaborative, the Licensed Practical Nurse Program at Berkshire Community College and the Southern Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association.

She leaves a brother, Mario J. Tristany Sr. of Lee and two sisters, Miss Anna J. Tristany of Lee and Mrs. Mary T. Mauriello of Natick.

The funeral will be Thursday at 9:15 from Kelly Funeral Home, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 at St. Mary's Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Memorial donations may be made in Miss Tristany's name to St. Mary's Church building fund through the funeral home, or to Fairview Hospital in care of Guy Barg, who will administer donations.



Marguerite M. Tristany

She was also on the Lee School Committee and a town representative.
This was omitted from the obituary.

